Vox Graculi,

OR

Iacke Dawes

PROGNOSTICATION.

No leſſe wittily, then wondrouſly rectified,
for the Eleuation of all Vanity, Villany, Sinne, *and* Surquedrie
ſublimate, keeping quarter in the Courts, Cities, and Countries,
of all Chriſtendome; For this yeere 1623.

Sæpe malum hoc vobis prædixit ab æthere Cornix.

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TO THE GENTLEmen READERS, I wiſh no worſe, then white Bootes, and wet WEATHER.

GAllants, (*and yet I hope no Gulls neither*) *As on a time I ſate muſing on the very verticke point of* Hie-gate-hil, (*with as little coyne in my Pocket, and as much cunning in my* Craneon, *as moſt of our Starre-gazers haue*) *To make experiment of my skill, if it could reach ſo high, as to take the iuſt* Altitude *of the* Blindmans *Bottle-ale at* Holloway, *I eſpied ſuch a cluſter of Knaues below in the valley, (like ſo many Danske Crowes ſummon'd on Douer ſands againſt a ſtorme) as that by my* Aſtrolabe *I began to collect; That this* * Yeere *would proue intemperate, by reaſon of an extreame heate in Summer; inſomuch that the ſtones in* Cheapſide *ſhall be*

* Producing more wonders then Plato's *Mirabilis Annus.*

be ſo hot, that diuers Steeletto-bearded Scape-thrifts ſhall feare to goe from Paules to the Counter i'th Poultrie: Whereupon I betooke me to my Ephimerides, and erecting a figure, haue found ſuch ſtrange Accidents to fall out this yeere (Mercury being Lord and predominate in the houſe of Fortune) that many fooles ſhall haue full Bellies, and cramm'd Coffers; when wiſe men ſhall walke vp and downe with hungry ſtomackes, and emptie pockets: and that many (who haue newly buried their Sires, and leap't into their Lands, before they be come to their wits) ſhall this yeere drowne many an Acre of their Anceſtors, in the bottome of a wine-ſeller; and burie their * Demeſnes in the Bellies of Brothell-houſes: Moreouer, if Iupiter were not ioyned with Mercurie in a more fauourable aſpect, Butchers wines ſhould haue little or nought to doe all Lent, but ride out of towne with their Iourneymen, and prouide Prickes againſt Eaſter: Seeing therefore the wonders that are like to enſue this ſucceeding yeere, I haue taken vpon me (for the beneficiall content of all my Countrymen) to compile this Prognoſtication, diſcourſing & diſcouering briefly the diſpoſition of the foure Quarters of the yeere 1623. the Eccliſpes both of Sun and Moone, with their dangerous and ſubſequent effects: by which (if Piſces play not the Porter) many poore men, wanting money, are like to faſt on Sundayes for lacke of food; and ſuch as haue no Shooes, to goe bare-foot; if certaine deuout Coblers proue not the more propicious: Yet Aſtrologie is not ſo certaine, but that it may faile: and therefore diuers Ale-ſtuffe-beleeuing Hoſteſſes,

* Quæ malè parta, malè dilabuntur.

Hoſteſſes, may perhaps chalke vp more this yeare, then ſhall by their Cuſtomers be wiped out in two yeeres after; But V. P. for that: Monedula capiet muſcas, *and digeſt them as eaſily, as ſome Church-men doe two liuings, and neuer ſurfet on them neither. Now as touching my Dedication; I was at firſt halfe way ſuggeſted to haue cull'd out ſome Church-warden or other for my* Mæcenas, *who perhaps would haue bid me once a yeere to dinner, or haue fiſted me with Forty-pence out of the poore-mans Boxe: But in the very rumination on this merry-thought, ſteps in a good Starre, and plainely told me, that* Cum inſipientibus ludere, inſipidum eſt. *Therefore, with the reſt of my weather-beaten brethen, I muſt needs conclude, that* Sapiens dominabitur aſtris.

Your vnparalleld Practitioner
in Aſtrologie,

I. D.

Health to all my friendly *Acquaintance.*

ME thinkes I heare you whiſper (Sirs) that I
Preſent you with a piece of *Beggerie*,
Or conceal'd *Craving:* And that here I ſhow
More Wit than's good: what would you haue me do?
Vſe Citty-faſhion? beard you with braue ſpeaking,
And make the neareſt ſhow, at neareſt breaking?
If *Pouerty* be it, you ſo much hate;
O pardon that; for tis the * *Muſes* Fate.
'Tis better begge an almes, then fall to * ſtealing;
And worſe to be diſhoneſt, then * plaine-dealing.
The hide-bound Earth, of all reliefe me barres,
I'm faine to picke a liuing from the Starres:
And that's the mightie Motiue, which excites me
To this Attempt. *Acceptance*, full requites me
In ampleſt meaſure, and contents me beſt:
But (faith) I'm poore: You may conceiue the reſt.

* *Hos quanta Poeta patiuntur!*

* *Yet Viro eſurienti, neceſſe eſt furari,* ſaith *Suidas.*

* *Appare quod es, aut eſto quod apparet.* Aug.

Of

Of the Eccliplſes that ſhall happen *in the yeere* 1623. *to the wonderfull amazement of the beholders.*

IF we may credit the authenticall Cenſures of *Albumazar* and *Ptolomey*, about the circumuolutions of celeſtiall *Bodies*, whoſe influence doth excitate and procure perpetuall Mutability in this lower Region: we ſhall finde, that the Moone this yeere ſhall be ecclipſed; which ſhall happen in one of the twelue Moneths, and in ſome one of the foure Quarters of the yeere, whoſe dozen of poynts, as they ſhall be totally darkened, ſo the effects ſhall follow moſt ſtrange and wondrous. For *Cancer* being the ſole houſe of the *Moone*, doth preſage, That this yeere, fruits ſhall be rauenouſly deuoured by Caterpillers; as Petifoggers, Brokers, and Flatterers, who feeding on the ſweate of other mens browes, ſhall greatly blemiſh the Beauty of the Spring of *Goodneſſe*, and diſparage the forward

ward growth of all wholesome & hotteſt hearbes, vnleſſe ſome Northerly blaſt o[f] Heauens vengeance, cleare the plants of ſuc[h] Catterpillers, with a ſweeping plague. But *Cancer* being a liquide ſigne, and cheife Water-Bayliſe ouer *Flouds* and *Streames*, it foreſheweth, that *Fiſhmongers* (if they bee not narrowly lookt vnto) ſhall goe downe as farre as *Grauesend* in Wherries to foreſtall the Market, to the great preiudice of the poore, who all *Lent* long doe partly relie on the benefit of Saltfiſh and red Herring. Moreouer, it ſignifieth, that *Brewers* ſhall make hauocke of *Thames* water, and put more liquor then they ought amongſt their Mault; to the vtter vndoing of certaine red-nos'd Ale-Knights, whoſe morning draughts of ſtrong liquor, is a ſufficient Baricado againſt cold weather; a lamentable caſe, if it bee not lookt into, and preuented by ſome ſpeciall Supplication to the ſtrong Coppernation, and worſhipfull Company of Ale-cunners. But in this we haue great hope, that becauſe the Effects cannot ſurpaſſe the Cauſe, that diuers Tapſters ſhall truſt out more in a moment, then they can get in, in a moneth; and although they fill their Iugges with frothy emptineſſe, yet for want of true dealing ſhall they die in the Brewers debt. Thus much for the watry Signe of *Cancer*: And becauſe this Ecclipſe is like to play vnderboard, and to be little viſible in our Horizon, though it will haue great operation in it, I paſſe it ouer with this prouiſo to all Sea-faring men, that they

they carry more ſhirts then one with them a Ship-board, leſt to their great labour they beſtow many houres in ſearching ſilke-wormes on the hatches.

Of the Eccliplſe of the Sunne.

THe Eccliplſe of the Sunne, according to **Demogorgons* opinion, is like to produce many hote and peſtilent infirmities, eſpecially amongſt *Sumners* and *Petifoggers*, whoſe faces being combuſt with many fierie inflammations, ſhall prognoſticate the ſcarcitie (that by their deuout drinking) is like to enſue of Barly, if violent ſurfets ſweepe not away ſpeedily ſuch deuouring Maultwormes.

* A learned Author in the *Antipodes.*

There are many alſo who are like to be troubled with ſuch hote rheumes in their heads, by walking the purlewes, that their haire ſhall fall off without the helpe of a * Barber; and ſuch hote agues ſhall raigne this yeere, with ſtrange feuers and calamities, that if *Sol* were not placed in a cold Signe, Reniſh wine would mount to tenpence a Quart, before the latter end of *Auguſt*: But ſome few good and auſpicious Planets being retrograde, foretelleth, that *Lemmans* this yeere ſhall be plenty, inſomuch that many ſhall vſe them to Bed-ward, for the qualifying of their hote and inflamed ſtomackes.

* The Pockes, a ſharpe ſhauer.

By all coniecturall arguments, the influence of *Mars* this yeere ſhall be ſo violent, that here in

our Clime, great quarrels ſhall be ſtirred vp betweene man and man, eſpecially in caſes of Law: * Iuſtice and Gentrie ſhall conniue with each other, and coine ſhall out-countenance the iuſteſt cauſe.

* *Mutiſe mutuò ſcabunt. Cic.*

The diſſentious *Coridon* ſhall ſell his Coate to ſtriue for a ſtraw, and Lawyers laugh ſuch fooles out of their Liuings, as cannot keepe their ſeditious ſpirits from wronging their neighbours.

Further, there will be certaine fond Sects of Religion, who are like to peſter the Commonweale; as ſanctimonious ſelfe-Conceiters, holy * Counterfeits, whoſe profeſſion and practiſe dwell as farre a ſunder, as *Dines* did from *Lazarus*, when he cryed out for water to coole his toung; theſe, I ſay, ſhall bandy themſelues againſt Eccleſiaſticall Authoritie, and be ready to outſtare ciuill Gouernement, were it not that *Saturne* with a frowning influence, did menace them with the ſtrangling cuill.

* White Deuils.

But whereas the *Sunne* is darkened but by digits, and that vpon the South-points, it preſageth great miſeries to Southerly Countries; for *there ſhall Friars and Monkes, ſo heate themſelues this yeere with confeſsing of Harlots, that their crownes ſhall grow bald of their owne accord, to the vtter impouerißing of all Barbers.*

Many braue Spirits, this yeere, and men of high merit, ſhall be ſo well reſpected, as that for their magnanimous atchieuements, they ſhall be recompenced with a * *Beliſarian* almes, and haue the

* *Date obolum Beliſario, quem inuidia, non vlpa petiuit.*

the eyes of their Reputation, popt out by the infectious fingers of Enuie and baſe Neglect, and ſo caſt out of fauour, as vnworthy of humane ſocietie.

Furthermore, let me not omit this remarkable Obſeruation, that this Eccliplſe affordeth vnto me: For this yeere there ſhall happen ſome ſtrange Births of children, produced in an hideous and formidable ſhape, as thus: Some children ſhall be borne, that when they come to age, ſhall not know their owne fathers: Others ſhall haue their fingers of the nature of * Lime-twigs, to get moſt part of their liuing with fine and a reach: Some ſhall be borne with feete like Hares, who ſhall runne ſo ſwift, as that they neuer ſhall tary with any Maſter, but trudge from poſt to pillar, till they take vp Beggers-buſh for their lodging: Others ſhall haue noſes like Swine, that there ſhall not be a feaſt within a mile, but they will ſmell it out: But this is ſhroudly to be feared, that ſome women this yeere ſhall be borne with two tongues, to the terrible griefe of thoſe that ſhall marry them, thundering in their furie ſuch * rough-caſt Eloquence that * *Knaue* and *Slaue*, ſhall be but Holy-day words to their huſbands; dropping as faſt from their litigious lips, as oathes doe from the chaps of a cholericke Cooke, againſt a long Sermõ, (frying in his own greaſe) when his ioynts ſcorch, and are ouer roaſted: of which ranke or range of men I muſt confeſſe, that ſome of them are already profane

* *Polypus, quicquid tetigit, tenet. Diog.*

* *Caninam facundiam exercent.* Saluſt.
* No better hopes of a Scold.
Aquà Pumicem non poſtulanda.

enough, if they could but once leaue * ſwearing. And whereas this feareſull Eccliplſe doth continue but an houre and an halfe, it fore ſignifieth, that this yeere, womens loues to their husbands ſhall be very ſhort, and in ſome ſo * mutable, that it ſhall ſcarce continue from the Church doore to the wedding houſe: and that Hens, Capons, (Geeſſe eſpecially,) and Chickens, ſhall be baniſht from poore mens houſes; and be faine to flie away with ſpits in their bellies to fat Churles tables, whoſe panches iutte foorth like an Aldermans dining roome, or King *Harries* Codpiece, in the Tower, with bumbaſting them with delicious Viands.

* A bad cuſtome, hardly left.

* *Mulier Luna mutabilior.*

Many other effects are to be prognoſticated in the ſubſequent predictions; giue me leaue in the meane ſeaſon, to lay in this Caution betweene my Countrimen, and this wonderfull Eccliplſe: * Let ſuch as haue cloathes enow, keepe themſelues warme, for feare of taking cold; and I would wiſh rich men all this Winter to ſit by a good fire, and ſeldome to goe to bed without a Cup of Sacke, and that ſo thickly qualified with Sugar, as they may not grow rheumaticke. Let them take eaſe enough, and feed daintily, then no doubt, (conſonant to the learned Iudgment of *Albumazar*) they are like to liue as long as they can, and not die one houre before their time: But in ſpeciall, let them take this premonition along with them; That they be drunke twiſe aweeke, and then (vnder pretence of taking * Phyſicke) lie yawning

* No worſe Counſell giuen, then I would be content to take my ſelfe. *Fruſtra ſapit, qui ſibi non ſapit, Eurip.*

* Too common a ſhift in theſe times, to couer the rich mans exceſſe.

yawning two dayes after to euaporate the exceſſe of a Surfet; no matter, though the poore Caitiffe lie ſtaruing in the ſtreets without reſpect or pitie.

And thus haue I led you through the adumbrageous *Eccliplſe* of the *Sunne*.

A PREDICTION OF THE GENERALL DISPOSITION OF SVNDRIE CONCEITED QVALITIES, incident vnto mens minds and natures throughout the foure quarters of the yeere, 1623. by the merry Influence of the Planets, with some other tragicall Obseruations, compriſed vnder each ſeparated Reuolution.

Of Winter.

Winter, the ſworne Enemie to *Summer*, friend to none but *Colliars*, *Chandelers* and *Woodmongers*: The froſt-bitten *Churle*, that hangs his dropping noſe ſtill ouer the fire: the Dogge that bites fruits, and the waſte-good, that fels wood; the vnconſcionable binder vp of *Vintners* ſagots, and the onely conſumer of burnt Sacke and Sugar. This kinſman to Death, furtherer to Sickneſſe, and brother to Old-age, ſhall not put foorth his hoarie Bald-pate in this Climate of ours, according to our vſuall computation, vpon the 12. of *December*, at the firſt entring of the *Sunne* into the firſt minute of the Signe *Capricorne*, *&c.* With much more ſuch fuſtian futilitie, then euer any reaſonable

ble man could truly vnderſtand; but take this from me, as an infallible rule, that Winter beginnes, when *Charity blowes her nailes, and is ready to ſterue, yet not ſo much as a drowſie Watchman will lend her a flap of his freeze Gowne to keepe her warme:

* *Charitas laudatur, & alget.*

When * Tradeſmen ſhut vp ſhops, by reaſon that their frozen-hearted Creditours exact more for dayes of truſt, then they are able to raiſe (and play the Knaues too) out of their Commodities ſo taken vp:

* Payd in their owne coine; for *Malo hercle veſtro, tam verſutè vinitis*, Plaut.

When the price of Sea-coale riſeth, and the rate of poore mens labours is pulled downe:

When euery Chimney or rather Tobacco Pipe vomits out ſmoake, but ſcarce any doore opens, to hurle out ſo much as a Marrow-bone for a Dogge to breake his faſt on:

When Beaſts die for want of fodder in the field, and mens * bellies cry out, who are ready to famiſh for lacke of food in the Citie:

* *Moleſtus interpellatur venter*, Plaut.

When the firſt word that a Punke ſpeakes at her Ingles comming into her Chamber in a Morning, *I pray thee ſend for ſome Fagots*; and the cold comfort a Lawyer heates you withall, is to ſay; *What will you giue me?*

When Gluttons blow their pottage to coole them; and Prentiſes blow their nailes to heate them: And laſtly,

When the * *Thames* is couered ouer with yce, and mens hearts caked ouer, and cruſted with Cruelty; then may any man boldly ſweare it is *Winter*.

* A hard time for Watermen.

But

But let vs wade a little further into the fountaine of Infallibilitie, and then ſhall we find, that *Winter* this yeere, (being the firſt Aſtronomicall *Quarter*, according to my coniecturall Computation) whatſoeuer *Ptolomee* ſayes, beginnes ſooner with poore men, then with rich; and ſo graunted; by the malignant influence of *Saturne*, whoſe conſtellation maleuolent, portends; That ſuch as haue no money nor credit, ſhall want Coles and Wood, and be faine to beate their iawes one againſt another with cold, while your old peny-fathers ſit and toſte themſelues by the fire.

And by reaſon that this *Winter* will beginne, when *Sol* makes his entrance into the degree of *Capricorn*, that *Hyemall ſolſtitial Signe* foreſhewes, that the Bakers basket ſhall giue the wall to the Brewers barrell; and an halfepenny dry, ſhall do homage to an halfepeny wet. The weather likewiſe ſhall be ſo vnſeaſonably cold, that diuers for feare of being froſt-bit, ſhall * craftily ſit all day at Cardes and Tables, while their poore wiues and families knocke their heeles, and faſt at home for their thriftleſſe follies.

* *Alcator, quanto eſt in arte peritior, tanto eſt nequior, Syr.*

And for that I find, three of the Planets to be drencht in aquaticke Signes, as *Iupiter*, *Mars*, and *Luna*, it plainely demonſtrates; That diuers pretenders to good fellowſhip ſhall for want of ſtrong Taplaſh, goe ſober to bed againſt their wils.

That there ſhall be coagulated Froſts, ſo as vpon

on ſmall acquaintance men and women ſhall creepe to bed together, and ſome of them lie ſo long, till they be fetcht out with a Beadle, and a Baſen.

That Sea-faring men (if they be not the better prouided of skilful Pilots) ſhall either ſticke in the ſands, or ſplit their Shippes againſt the ſturdie Rockes, and ſo condemne them to the bottome; or elſe looſe their goods by Pyracie and Palliardiſe.

* *Quicquid ſolet nocere, idem ſolet docere.*

Saturne falling retrograde in *Gemini*, ſhewes, That there ſhall fall this *Winter* ſuch tenebrous fogges, and ſtifling Miſts, that many rich Chuffes ſhall looſe their purſes by the high-wayes ſide; and poore men be ſo weather-beaten by the vnconſcionable craft of * Vſureres, that they ſhall be forc't to beg their bread by the extremity of ſuch Extortion: But *Mercury* and *Venus* being congregated in *Sagittarius*, prognoſticate; That for want of faire weather, ſuch as haue but one ſhirt, ſhall goe wool-ward, till that be a waſhing; and that Watermen who want Fares, ſhall ſit and blow their fingers, or lie in Ale-houſes till they be drunke, and then for want of better employment, baſt one another with their vnmercifull Stretchers.

* *Qui inſaniâ cupijs emunt quæ pecuniam.*

And for that *Mars*, that rugged Planet, hath no predominance in this *Brumall Reuolution*, Souldiers for the more part, though their fare bee hard, yet ſhall they lie in field beds, and not bee too much moleſted neither with more money then

ſhall be neceſſarie:

And it is greatly to be feared, that through extreame cold, diuers pooremen ſhall die not dine, at rich mens gates: Pitty ſhall be exiled; Good-workes thruſt out of dores with Iack-a-lent, and Hoſpitality whipt out of the Country as a relicke of the old Religion; and were it not that ſome moyſt ſhowers of *Mercie* ſhall mollifie the obduration of the froſt, *Charity*, ſhould for want of houſe-roome lie and freeze to death in the heart of our higheſt Cities.

Impetuous ſtormes are this yeare to bee expected, eſpecially in houſes where the wiues weare the breeches; and ſuch loud Winds, that the husbands ſhall be whurld out of dores; and withall there are like to fall huge Haileſtones, as big as ioyn'd-ſtooles, that ſome ſhall be ſure to haue their crownes crackt, and all through the petulant diſpoſition of *Venus*. But *Mars* ſhall come in, and play the tall man, who beeing placed in *Gemini*, that gouernes the armes and ſhoulders; and he preſageth, that ſundry tall fellowes ſhall take heart of graſſe, who armed with ſoure Cudgels ſhall ſo Lambeake their irregular huſwiues, that the wind ſhall turne into another quarter, and ſo the weather waxe more * calme and temperate.

* *Pſal nubila, Phœbus.*

Such ſuperfluxe of waters are like to enſue, through this Hyemall diſtemperature, that many bold-braines ſhall be drowned on drie hills; and fiſh, if they could not ſwim, were in great danger totally

totally to periſh. Eeles are like to bee deare, if there be few or none taken: But plenty of *Ponts* ſhall be had in al places, eſpecially in thoſe Countries where women haue not their owne wils.

Now (patient Reader) in reſpect of diuers particular circumſtances drawne from the quotidian motions, progreſſions, ſtations, retrogradations, aſpects, and other appointments of fixed and extrauagant Starres, I am induced to declare, that ſuch as haue no fire, ſhall feele moſt cold; That Wier-drawers and *Preſſe-men*, if they follow not their worke cloſe, ſhall feele no great heat; and that *Compoſitors*, let them ply the Boxe neuer ſo faſt, ſhall ſhare a great part of extreame cold; and be * laught at for their labour.

* *Stulti fortunati miſeros contemnunt.*

The diſtemperance of this Quarter, is like to breed ſundry ſickneſſes as well in yong as in old, proceeding either of vicious blood, or of the ſuperabundance of inordinate guzling; as * *Cephalagies*, *Quirimobs*, or *Whimſies* in the head, that ſhall make men ſo dizzie, as that ſome ſhall ſtagger and ſtumble vp and down the ſtreets, till they haue ſtollen a nappe to ſettle their diſtempered Coxcombes.

* Catching diſeaſes, that ſpare none who come in their vvalkes.

Aches in the ſhoulders ſhall bee rife amongſt diuers Women that haue Knaues to their husbands; and diuers Drunken Sots ſhall bee peſtered with Surfets.

Maydens this Winter ſhall haue ſtrange *ſtitches and gripings about the girding place, which diſeaſes principally will proceed, by their ſituation in Supinity: and many actiue men ſhall bee troubled with ſuch paine in their eies, that they ſhal not *know their chamber maydes from their owne wiues.

* A malady as vnauoydable, as incurable.

* Wilfull miſpriſions.

Now becauſe I find in the *Ephimerides* of heauen, certaine vnluckie, criticall, and dangerous dayes pointed out, whoſe foreheads are full of Plagues, and vnder whoſe winges doe lurke other diſmall calamities, that threaten this Region; it ſhall not be impertinent, if I open the foule boſome of *Winter* before he paſſe further, and ſhew vnto you what contagious maladies do hang vpon him, and harbour within him. I find therfore, that a browne *dozen of ineuitable plagues, ſhall heauily light on the heads and hearts of this our Engliſh Nation; and thus I bring them out in orderly ranke:

* Twelue ſtrange plagues to happen this yeere.

Plague of Pouerty. * *Animi generoſi nerues egeſtas euertit.*

1. The firſt, is the plague of * *Pouerty*, When a man ha's neuer a peny in's purſe, credit with his neighbours, nor a hole to hide his head in: Alas! how many will lie languiſhing of this frenſie? how many that haunt Bowling alleyes, and fill vp Play-houſes with their infection; nay, how many that ſtalke in the middle-Ile of *Paules* in indifferent good clothes too, will be ſtrucke with this Plague? It is harder to reckon them, then to ſumme vp the vertues of a wandring woman which are numberleſſe.

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2. The ſecond, is the Plague of *Diſcontent*; when a husband ſhall find cold cheare, and hote words, from a ſcolding wife: Many Coblers will be ſubiect to this diſeaſe; yet they will not lie long vpon it, but euery houre be of the mending hand; marry it is ſuppoſed, their wiues will proue worſe and worſe. Plague of Diſcontent.

3. The third, is the Plague of *Contention*: when a Trauailer hath a long iourney, a tyred horſe, and a little money: This Plague will meete with many poore Yorke-ſhire Clients; and (vnleſſe they keepe it off with their hookes) with ſome Welch-men too. Plague of Contention.

4. The fourth, is the Plague of *Deceit*; when a man hath fraudulently congeſted heapes of riches, enioyes it but a while, and leaues a foole behind him to ſpend it: It is to be feared, that ſome wealthy Citizens, and quirking Lawyers cannot eſcape this Plague. Plague of Deceit.

5. The fifth, is the Plague of *Extortion*; when a man is growne old in yeeres, yet a child in goodneſſe; when his wife is a Drunkard, and his daughter a wanton, his ſonne a Lecher, and his ſeruant a pilferer: This Plague is ſure to ſhake hands with exacting Vſurers, and extorting Landlords; but chiefly with Brokers, their bodies being ſubiect to many infections, and their Conſciences to much corruption. So that it is thought, *Lord haue mercy vpon vs*, will ſticke on moſt of the doores in Houndſ-ditch and Long-lane: and that all people who loue themſelues, Plague of Extortion.

for honeſtie ſake, will ſhunne thoſe places, and thoſe perſons, whereof but one of them is ſufficient to poiſon a whole Citie.

Plague of Luſt.

6. The ſixt, is the hote Plague of *Luſt*: when a Maide is faire, and hath no portion; of ripe yeeres, yet troubled with the Greene-ſickneſſe; and longs for a husband, yet No-body will haue her. This Plague will tickle poore Chamber-maids, and though it fall hard vpon them, yet will it not proue ſo mortall, becauſe they haue a tricke to helpe themſelues: It is to be ſuſpected, that ſome Citizens daughters will be tainted too, vnleſſe they take a priuate receipt againſt it, of their fathers Prentiſes: Yong Gentlewomen likewiſe would hardly eſcape, were it not that the Gentlemen-Vſhers, and ſmooth-faced Pages, muſt ſtand betweene them and infection.

Plague of Marriage.

7. The ſeuenth, is the Plague of *Mariage*: when a woman poſſeſſeth a husband that is very poore, yet iealous: young, yet a cholericke foole. Seruingmens wiues (it is thought) will turne vp their heeles of this Diſeaſe; or if not die, yet lie for it a long time.

Plague of Debt.

8. The eight, is the Plague of *Debt*: when a man hath much to pay; little to diſcharge, and an vnmercifull Creditour. This Plague (I feare me) will flie as farre as *Bohemia*, and pitifully peſter our Engliſh Souldiers, who will take more care how to wipe off the Rundles in chalke, then to winne a Towne from the enemie.

Plague of Hunger.

9. The ninth, is the Plague of *Hunger*: when

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a man ſees or ſmels good cheare, and hath an excellent ſtomacke, but knowes not how to get it: if any complaine of this maladie, it will be thoſe that are the attendants at a ſcamling feaſt, or elſe, ſuch as walke ſnuffing vp and downe in Winter Euenings through *Pie-corner*, yet haue not one croſſe to repleniſh their paſternes.

10. The tenth, is the Plague of *Prodigalitie*: when a man marying a Wagtaile, and letting her out to the full length of her owne Luſt, Pride and Pleaſure; muſt thereby be beholden to his enemie, muſt honour him, that hornes him, yet dares not be reuenged: The tokens of this Plague will ſtand thicke on a number of young Bankrupts, who haue had dealing with Courtiers. Plague of Prodigality.

11. The eleuenth, is the *Horne-plague*: It will be too common both in Court, Citie, and Countrie: and albeit, it be incurable, yet none can die of it: this aking Plague takes a man firſt in the head, and he muſt needs ſicken of it, that is either a Cuckold, a Wittall, or a Suffragatour. In very many ſtreets (beſides *Cheapſide* and the *Strand*) will there be houſes contaminated with this monſtrous diſeaſe. The Horn-Plague.

12. The twelfth, is the fearefull Plague of *Ingratitude*: when a man hath much wealth, and no wiſdome; much coine and no conſcience; continuall health, and no grace to returne thankes vnto him that beſtowes it on him: when he talkes of God, yet keepes company with Plague of Ingratitude.

with the diuell. This Plague ſtrikes deepe, euen to the wounding of the Soule, and yet ſtickes by many, euen of the better ſort: Beſides theſe capitall Plagues, there be many Boyles, Carbunkles, and Bliſters of Impieties, that will lie ſucking the bones of common people, which I omit.

Thus may you diſcouer a farre off, how ſharpe a Winter we are like to haue: let vs now make triall if the *Spring* will looke vpon our *Horizon* with a more fauourable aſpect, or accorſt vs with a more chearefull ſalutation.

Exit Hyems.

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Of the Spring.

NExt enters vpon her Cu, that odoriferous Lady *Ver*, or the *Spring*, attended with all her Attributes of Honor: For ſhe is the Bride of the Sunne, the Noſegay-giuer to weddings, the richeſt Hearbe-wife in the world: the rareſt Gardiner, ſweeteſt Perfumer, cunningſt Weauer, pureſt Dyer, and nobleſt Muſitian; for all the Quiriſters of the Groues are her Schollers: This mother of health, Phyſitian to the ſicke, Surgeon to the wounded; this daughter of Plenty, and ſiſter to Sommer, comes not attired in her verdant robes, as by Poets and Printers ſhe is publiſhed, vpon the tenth day of *March*, after the *Sunne* (with an Herculean Vigor) hath conquered his twelue Labours, and like a skilfull Charioter) hath hurried his golden Wagon through the twelue *Signes*, ready againe (as ſome will haue it) to beginne his taske afreſh, by making his entrance vpon the firſt Minute of the Equinoctiall Signe of the *Ramme*, whoſe hornes ſtand in ſuch an euen proportion a ſunder, as that the Day and Night take them for their meaſure, and are contented to be of an equall length. Deſcription of the Spring.

Shall I tell you then at what *Signe* the *Spring* dwelleth at? turne vp your eyes and behold; for by theſe markes ſhall you know her, when ſhe comes: When *Philomele* ſits ſinging with a briar at her breaſt, and the Adulterer ſtands ſighing Reformation of bad manners, is the propagation of a good Spring.

at the thornes which pricke his C[illegible]ience: When young teares of Repentance, Liueries, and Old Whoremongers plucke off the Vizars of their Vices: when the big-bellied Earth beares all kinds of flowers, and the *Courts of Princes bring forth all sorts of Vertues: When Gardens beginne to be dressed, and abuses in the Church reformed: When Lords leaue falsifying their promises, and Ladies leaue sophisticating their faces: When Courtiers pay their debts, and Citizens surcease to sell counterfeit Wares: When Players turne Preachers, and Poets cary money in their purses: When Lawyers plead without Fees, and Taylors cary true Billes to their Customers: When Vsurers giue all they haue to the poore, and Brokers lend money without pawnes: When Vintners doe not mixe their Wines, nor Tapsters froth vp their Iugges: When Ostlers leaue greasing of Horses teeth, and Chamberlaines forbeare to lie with Country Wenches: When Beasts waxe wanton by nature, without violating her Lawes, onely to multiply their kind for the good of man; and when men abhorre to change themselues into the nature of Beasts: Then, and onely then shall the vernall gates flie wide open; then may you boldly sweare, it is the *Spring*.

*O Vtinam!

*Sæpè difficilent ob eximiæ gratulationis voluptas.

But as the *slickest horse may haue the slowest pace, and oftentimes the faireſt *Brow may haue the foulest Body, so this beautifull daughter of old *Ianus*, who is Master Porter to the twelue Moneths,

*Interdùm magnis fert æquum, interdùm ignem, Plautus.

Moneths, by dealing with ſome few vnſalubrious Planets, is thought not to be free from diſeaſes. A ſpice therefore of one Plague or other, will lie in her tender bones, by which meanes this *Spring* to ſome people (eſpecially the *French*, and I feare the *Engliſh* cannot goe Scot-free) will proue as fatall, and as buſie in priuie Searches, as the *fall of the Leafe*.

The Dugges of this delicate young bed fellow to the *Sunne*, will ſo flow with the milke of *Profit* and *Plenty*; that (of all other) Some Players (if * *Fortune*, turned *Phœnix*, faile not of her promiſe) will lie ſucking at them with their fulſome forcaſtings, for pence and two-pences, like young * Pigges at a Sow newly farrowed, for that they are in danger to meet with a hard *Winter*, and be forced to trauell ſoftly on the hooſe.

It is coniectured likewiſe, That in this time of coalition betweene the *Planets* and the *Earth*, Lawyers will grow vp ſo thicke, as that they will ſcarce liue * honeſtly one by another; and moſt of them ſhall proue to their Clients, as tares to a field of Corne: for they ſhall proſper beſt when they choake thoſe by whom they were nouriſhed: yet on the contrary ſide, ſhall Maiden-heads be ſo ſcant, that if * two hundred be to be had ouer-night, one hundred ninety and nine of them will be ſtrucke off before the next Morning.

Notwithſtanding all this, I finde, that *Winter* finiſhing with the laſt grade of the watrie Signe *Piſces*, at *Sols* ioyfull Progreſſe into the firſt degree

* *Proſtat fortunatum, quàm ſapere.*

* *Auri ſacra fames, quid non mortalia pectora cogis?* *Virg.*

* But one ſtep lower then Impoſſibility.

* Luſt, like death, ſweeps all before it.

gree of *Aries*, then must the *Spring* needs march vp in the next rancke, and shew her face * when grasse begins to sprout, and trees to bud. By which I gather, That this *Spring* will bee very ill for Schollers for they shall study much, and gaine little: They shall cary more wit in their pates, then white . . ney in their purses.* Dunces shall proue more wealthy then Doctors; insomuch that sundry vnlettered sots shall scrue themselues into the Ministery, if the prouident care of reuerend Bishops doe not iustle them aside. And by the opinion of *Proteus*, * women are like to grow wilfull, and so variable, that they shal laugh and weepe, chide and chat, and all with a breath.

Butchers shall sell their meate as deare as they can, and if they be not carefull, hornes shall bee hurtfull vnto them: and some shall be so wedded to swines flesh, that they shall neuer be without a Sow in their house as long as they liue.

This vernall Reuolution being naturally hote and moist, is like to be very forward for flowrie fields and blooming trees: and because *Saturne* will reside in his proper mansion, Old men are like to be very wayward, and crafty Scriueners (or * Knaues, all is one) shall neede no Brokers: Vsury, shall be called, good Husbandrie; and men shall be esteemed honest for their wealth, not for their * Vertues. And because *Aquarius* must keepe some leuell-coile this Quarter, it is to be doubted that many Springs of water will rise vp in

* An infallible signe of the Springs approach.

* *Rebus humanis, ordine nullo, fortuna regit, sparsique per omnia passim errant, &c.*

* *Flent, rident, sapiunt, insaniunt, &c.*

* *Errat in amore, non in more.*

* *Quærenda pecunia primum est, virtus post nummos.* Horat.

in Vintners Sellars, to the great weakning of their Gascoine Wine, and to the vtter dissolution of the ancient Order of the *Red-noses*. March Beere shall also be more set by, then small Ale.

Out of the Old Stocke of Heresie, it is to be expected this *Spring*, will sprout foorth new schismaticall Opinions, and strange Sects, as *Separatists*, *Armanists*, with other exoticke Niceties and *Balductum* diseases, to the disturbance of the vnity of the Church, and disquieting of good mens consciences: but I could wish, that the learned Doctor, Sir *T. Tyburne* might bee put to that taske, as to confute such vpstart Statists, with his rope-ripe conclusions.

Multiplicity of Sects, dangerous to a State.

Because *Cancer* will bee busie this Spring-tide, it is therefore likely, that the flourishing blossomes of young vntayed Gentlemen, shall bee so vnmercifully annoyed with Caterpillars, who shall entangle them in such *Statutes* and *Recognizances*, that they shall cry out against Brokers, as *Ieremie* did against the false Prophets. Besides, though this last Winter nipt vp many Picke-pockets, yet this *Spring* is like to affoord twice as many; so that at euery * Tearme shall bee found an Hundred at least in *Westminster-Hall*.

* Read me a Riddle, what's this?

Barbers also shall become poulers of the Common-wealth; and Iatronicall Lease-mongers, pillers of their poore Tenants.

Mercury combuſt ſhall ſo ſet men together by the eares, that many Lawyers ſhall grow rich, get the Diuell and all, no matter * how; and weare ſide gownes, and wide Conſciences; ſtill keeping their mouths open to call for a feeling, and their purſes ſhut, when they ſhould beſtow an almes. Oſtlers ſhall ſteale Hay in the night from Gentlemens horſes, and rub their teeth with tallow, that they may eate little prouender while they ſtand at Liuery: but this I prognoſticate againſt them, that being extruded from humane ſocietie, they ſhall die in Hay-lofts, and that ſo poorely too, as all their wealth ſhall ſcarce purchaſe them Chriſtian buriall.

* *Si Lennius pallio non ſuffocet, vulpina addendo, Zenod.*

* But let me not hide theſe ſecrets from you (my Country-men) that *Iupiter*, being in milde aſpect with *Venus*, diſcouereth; which are; That diuers ſhall drinke more then they bleed; That Taylors ſhall ſteale nothing but what is brought vnto them: That Poulterers ſhall bee ſtinkingly peſtered with rotten Egges; and that Butchers dogs ſhall make Libels againſt *Lent*, for affording no better diet then Herring-cobs, for their ſlabbring Chappes.

* Wonderfull euents premonſtrated.

Other diſeaſes incident to this Quarter, as by Aſtrologicall Coniectures I can gather, are theſe. Prentiſes that haue beene ſoundly cudgel'd ſhall be troubled with a ſoreneſſe on their ſhoulders; and it ſhall be very ill for them that haue ſore eies to haue ſand thrown in them, or to looke againſt the Sunne. This plague ſhall raigne mightily amongſt

Diſcouery of diſeaſes.

mongſt poore ſtage-keepers, that they ſhall not be able to change a groat for a boxe o'th eare. Beſide, ſicke folkes ſhall haue queaſier ſtomacks, then thoſe that bee ſound: and men that cannot ſleepe, ſhall take very little reſt: with other accidentall infirmities, which for breuity ſake I am content to ſlurre ouer.

A Prediction of Summer, 1623.

NOW ſteps in the *Minion* of the yeere, *Summer*: the Miſtris of the earth, daughter and heire to the *Spring*, and Empreſſe ouer many Kingdomes; whoſe robes are fields of ſtanding corne; whoſe crowne is a garland playted of all varieties of fruites. *Summer*, the poore mans Almner, and the rich mans Land-lady: the Ploughmans Goddes to whom he praies, the ſhepheards Queene to whom he does homage: the filler of Barnes, the feeder of Birds, the fatner of men and beaſts, the worlds Magazine, the Nurſe of Plenty, the ſworne-enemy to dearths and ſcarcity. *Summer*, that's the Saint, to whom *Bowyers*, and *Fletchers* kneele; in whoſe praiſe, Archers ſend out ſhouts, and Hay-makers mery Songs. Deſcription of Summer.

This red-lipt, liuely-fac'd, roſie-finger'd Damſell, comes not by turne to her Coronation, on the Eleuenth day of *Iune*, according to vulgar Aſtronomicall computation, when the Sunne hath

hath fetcht his cariere vp as high, as the first degree of the Estiuall Solstice (*Cancer,*) which is the vtmost declension from the North to the Equinoctiall, &c. but I find that she hath forsaken those celestiall houses, wherein she did vse to lie, in her illustrious progresse, and hath taken vp her lodging in sublunarie Mansions, from whence she must issue: And these that follow shall be the Harbingers, to make way, or the Heralds to proclaime her comming.

* Entrance of Summer.

* When our exuberant, though superanuated Grandam (the Earth) shall (albeit in her dayes of morositie) be great with child of Corne, Flowers, and Fruites, and be ioyfully deliuered of them; yet that * vngratefull creature, enriched with Reason onely, shall be barren of all goodnesse:

* *Non est dignus dandis, qui non agit grates pro datis, Greg. in Moral.*

When the heate of the Sunne-beames begets Gold in the Veines of the Earth, yet Gold when it is brought foorth, shall beget a coldnesse in the hearts of men:

When Riuers shall swell with Spring-tides, and the fountaines of Learning be drawen drie; and stopped vp with the rubbish of Disreputation. When sheepe hurrie to broad trees, to shroud their carkeises vnder their shades from the wrath of Heauen, and when *Innocencie* is protected vnder the wings of *Greatnesse*, from the furie of *Oppression:*

When Cuckooes sing merrily; and Cuckolds laugh at their owne hornes:

When

When Courtiers ride the Wild-gooſe chace; and Farmers ſtand by, and neuer curſe their Horſemanſhip.

When Haruеſters come ſinging from the field, becauſe their corne is bound vp in ſheaues; and when Citizens Wiues walke to their Gardens, yet bring from thence to their husbands no Noſegayes beſtucke with Columbines:

Theſe, and many other like theſe, are the Badges that *Summer* weares; and neuer comes, but when ſhe puts on theſe and ſuch like Liueries: yet for all this, that Originall curſe which at firſt was layd vpon her, ſhall this yeere 1623. ſo cruſh her beautifull ſtructure, inſomuch that her luſty and neruall limbes ſhall grow weake, and her entrailes be ready to drie and rumple vp to nothing, by reaſon of a ſtrange famine, which ſhall moſt vnmercifully feed vpon her.

Diuers deare yeeres haue crept out of the Chronicles of precedent ages, to ſhow their viſages to this preſent time, but the face of this ſhall looke more grizly then them all. In the time of * *Edward* the ſecond there was ſuch a famine, that horſe-fleſh then was accounted as dainty, as Hares-fleſh now; and fat * Dogs ſnapt vp as faſt then, as fat Pigs are now with vs at *Bartlemew-tide*; for that Oxen and Sheepe, and other prouiſions, were drawen vp to ſuch an exceſſiue rate, as that people of the meaner ranke could not reach vnto it. But this yeere, 1623. Oxen and Calues ſhall not be ſold ſo deare in Smithfield;

* Holinſhed *cum multis aliis.*

* *O quantum cogit egeſtas!*

men ſhall be ſold as cheape: nay men ſhall turne *Omophagi, and deuoure one another. Country Gentlemen ſhall eate vp the induſtrious Farmers: Citizens, the Country Gentlemen: Courtiers, the Citizens: Leaſe-mongers, their Tenants: the diuell, the Leaſe-mongers. The Shop-keepers, or crafty-handed men, ſhall feed on the handicrafts men: Lawyers ſhall ſwallow their Clients, and many of them be ſuddenly choked, with a bad Cauſe ſticking croſſe their throats: And Vſurers ſhall cramme downe young *Heires*, as if they were pickled greene Geeſe, or bakt Woodcocks.

* *Homo hominis lupus.*

But here *Albumazar* ſteps in with a croſſe-point to counterbuffe mine opinion, and he will needs affirme: That when the *Sunne* hath made his voyage through the germinall Signes, *Aries*, *Taurus*, and *Gemini*, and takes vp his Inne at the ſolſticiall eſtiuall Signe *Cancer*, then ſhall the third part of the yeere, called *Summer*, beginne his raigne: But I poſitiuely conclude, (and to maintaine the Prouerbe, *will haue mine owne ſaying,*) That * *Summer* beginnes, when the weather waxeth ſo hote, that beggars ſcorne Barnes, and lie in the fields; and the night-Crowes of Saint *Pancrace-church*, build their neſts vnder the ſhades of *Colman-hedge*, or the new found vaulting Schoole *adiacent*.

* An infallible rule to know when Summer beginnes.

This Quarter therefore will prooue ſo immoderately hote, that diuers Mechanickes ſhall hurle their cloakes into Hounds-ditch, doffe their * doublets and damme them in Debt-lane; and walke

* *Centabit vestis coram Latrone potestas.*

walke in their Waſte-coates and greaſie apernes, for nimbleneſſe-ſake, for that they muſt trudge to prouide a cooling-card for their inflamed Liuers. And by reaſon that the flammigerous, and fire-foming *Dog-ſtar* ſhall ſnuffe vp the Planets, and with his flaring tong, licke vp the graſſe off the tops of hills, parch the corne-fields, ſeare the low-layd Valleys, and dye the face of *Ceres* as tawnie as a Gypſies, all Tobacco-ſhops ſhall ſmoke for it; but eſpecially the *Katherine-wheele*, * where (by the confluence of Kind-hearts) ſhall be found theſe three * *Contentments:* Great Pipes, Good Tobacco, and gentle Vſage.

* An honeſt man, is his owne praiſer.
* *Contentus in pace liberi;*

If this yeere, *Aquarius* piſſe freely after quaffing, then at the *Signe* of the Cerulean-coloured ſauage Boare, ſhall, (this yeere,) be had for ready money, all ſorts of precious Waters; as your *Aqua frigida, ye fecta, calida, colorata, limpida, luctuoſa, fucoſa, feculenta, potabilis, portabilis, vtilis, futilis, Bumme, Humme*, and *Hawberna:* The which *Hawberna*, (as it is reported by a famous, and fumous * Hiſtorian) the great Duke of *Moſco* drinkes of, but vpon Feſtiuals: for if he ſhould drinke it daily, the reuenues of his whole *Empire* could not maintaine it.

* Radulphus Brutus. Iſcidonius.

But becauſe that *Vrſa-maior* ſhall be auſpiciouſly inclined to *Homogeneall Congruity*, and ſimiliancie of condition, by his appointment ſhall * *Vrſa-minor* be vnmuzzled, and blurt out more * light-headed Bottle-beare then halfe *Barbican*; the which being once let looſe, will furiouſly flie in

* Or the white Beare.
* Becauſe ſtopt with Corke.

in any mans face; nay, if hee gape, to gallop downe into his guts too: but being discharged, if it happen to bounce or hit against a Goodfellowes nose, it will hisse like a Snake bathing in the Sunne vnder the skirts of a Grone, or as Oyle poured downe vpon an ouer-heated Anuile. Bottle-ale likewise shall be as busie as a fooliſh Constable; and mad-brain'd Malt, shall bee ready to doe the offices of a knauish * Beadle against meale-mouth'd Wheat. Of purpose to entertaine the *Sunnes* glorious returne from the *Antipodes*, innocent *More-fields* shall this Quarter bee cloathed all in white: For the shirts of Masters, the smockes of Maydes; the smockes of Mistrisses, and the shirts of seruants, shall bee there so *promiscuously layd together, that it would almost make a sinner of a Saint to behold them: And (three to one) if they dare lie so neere together abroad, they will venter to lie closer when they are at home; as questionlesse they do, when (being folded vp) they lie one vpon another: so that this is the forcible occasion, that will stirre vp shirts and smockes to * smell after each other; or at least wise, shirts to smell after-smockes all the yeere after.

* *Sic figulus figulum, sic Faber fabrum odit*

* A fearfull confusion to happen this Summer in *Moore-fields.*

* Citizens, old smel-smocks.

Mercury, moreouer, hath so constituted, that those who are drunke ouer-night will bee drie in the morning: those that be-pisse their beds shall be * vexed with Fleas; and such as want meat, and haue no * money to buy it, shall bee very likely to goe supperlesse to bed.

* *Optimum est pati, quod emendare non potes*, Sen. Epi. 4. lib. 18.

* *Feras non culpes, quod vitari non potest.*

Besides,

Beſides, this Quarter, great hurly-burlyes are to be expected, and horrible Stratagemes like to bee performed: for Butchers ſhall make vnmercifull hauocke amongſt Flies, and Beggers on Sunne-ſhine dayes ſhall commit monſtrous murthers vpon their neuer-ceaſing blood-ſuckers. The Aſſiſtants likewiſe of *Coperſmiths-hall* ſhall doe mightie deeds of armes vpon Cuppes, Kannes, Pots, Glaſſes, and Blew-anckour Iackes; not giuing ouer the skirmiſh as long as they are able to ſtand, or wagge a finger.

Further it is to be doubted, that becauſe *Venus* ſoiournes in the houſe of *Mars*; That Millars, Weauers, and Taylors, will proue as theeuiſh, as they are knauiſh: and Maids this Quarter will make ſillibubbes for their Louers ſo long, till at the length ſome of them calue with the Cow for company. But *Iupiter* in his exaltation preſageth, that diuers * Gallants ſhall creepe further into the *Mercers* booke in a moneth, then they can get out in a yeere. If there be ſuch exceſſiue plenty of Cherries this Quarter, that *Fruterers* know not what to doe with them, they perchance may fall to ſixe-ſhillings the pound: and *Coſtard-mongers* this *Summer* ſhall bee licenc'd by the *Wardens* of their Hall, to weare broad baskets on their heads, to keepe them from the heate of the *Sunne*.

* *Simulenbidi, denies pallidio.* Suidas.

But *Libra* aduſt, and retrograde, foretelleth, that there is like to be a League betweene diuers Bakers and the Pillorie, for making their bread too light; and the *Sunne* ſhall be ſo hot, *that* it ſhall

melt away the * dropſie conſciences of couetous men; & that by the amorous aſpects of *Venus*, reſiding in the lodge of *Scorpio*, women ſhall fall ſo loue-ſicke, that ciuill Lawyers; Sumners, & Surgeons ſhall feed vpon their ſins, and fare the bet by them all their life time after; and beſides diuers of theſe *Lying* ſpirits ſhall bee ſeene to ſtand in white ſheets like Ghoſts, in Churches, of purpoſe to affright ſuch like offenders.

* *Quo plus ſunt potæ, plus ſitiunt equæ.*

But by the way learne this of mee, That *Shoomakers* will grow ſo proud, that they ſhall refuſe the name of *Souters*: And the *Taylor* and the *Louſe* ſhall ſtand ſo vpon the poynt, in defence of each other; That were it not, the worſhipfull Company of *Butchers* haue ſet down this Order; That he who lies a bed, till his cloathes bee mended, needs not keepe a man to looke to his Wardrobe. But amongſt all, the * *Smiths* haue exhibited a Supplication to the *Ale-cunners*, That he who goes drunke to bed, and aſſoone as hee wakes i'th morning, dares not carouſe a hearty draught next his heart, ſhall be adiudged to drink ſmall *Ale* for his penance, prouided hee can get no ſtrong.

*Neceſſary Impoſitions on Pot-hunters.

Conſonant to the variation of this Seaſon, ſhall variable diſeaſes be predominant; as namely, the * *Pluriſie*, which ſhall ſo abound in many, that in ill, they ſhall exceed their patterne, though in goodneſſe they fall ſhort of their ſamplar. Fluxes alſo, and thoſe in poore mens purſes; for they ſhall be ſo laxatiue, that money ſhall runne out faſter,

* *In omnibus rebus magis offendit nimium, quàm parùm*, Cicero.

faſter, then they are able to put in. The ſmall *Pockes* amongſt children, and the great amongſt great men: Infirmities alſo in the tongue; for ſome ſhall doe nought but lie, and oftentimes with thoſe they ſhould not.

* Cum magnis, magna creſcunt.

But becauſe wee would not ſwelt, and waxe faint, vnder the heate of this vnſeaſonable *Summer*, let vs make haſte out of it, and deſcend to the next Quarter, to make trial what benefits that will participate vnto vs.

Of

Of Autumne or the Fall of the Leafe.

Deſcription of the fall of the Leafe.

Autumnus, the chiefe Barber to the right Honorable Lord *Annus*, that mad ſhaner of Buſhes, Hedges, and Trees: the ragged Prodigall that conſumes all, and leaues himſelfe nothing: the arranteſt Raggamuffin amongſt all the foure Quarters, and the moſt diſeaſed, as being alwayes troubled with the Falling-ſickneſſe, and (French-man like) not ſuffering an haire to ſtay on his head. This murderer of the *Spring*, this theefe to *Summer*, and bad companion to *Winter*, ſcornes to come in according to his old wont, when the *Sunne* ſits *Iuſtice* with a paire of ſcales in her hand, weighing no more houres to the day, then he does to the night, as he did before in his Vernall progreſſe, when he rode on a *Ram*: But this * Bald-pate will be ſeene walking vp and downe Groues, Gardens, Medowes, Fields, Woods, Parkes and Paſtures, * blaſting of fruits, beating leaues from their liuings; and trampling the gawdy garments of his Siſter, the *Spring*, vnder his feete.

* *Dominatur vt in grege Taurus*, Liu. *Quod non poteſt, vult poſſe, qui maximum poteſt.*

Signes of his comming.

By theſe tokens alſo ſhall you perceiue his approach, when the World lookes like the old *Chaos*; and the Ground, like a young Prodigall, new

new shorne by an Vsurer: when *Lust* rides to the *Bathe*, and is at great charge with *Cornelius* to keepe him company: when Luxurie flies amongst Hen-sparrowes, and brings not halfe the feathers home he carried out: when * *Whoredome* craules along with a staffe in his hand, saddle-sunke Nose on his face, and a night-cap, in stead of haire, on his naked scalpe: when Bawdes cry out of their bones; Punkes, pray for the morning; and Panders put off their Calues with their stockings when they goe to bed: when many Great Ones cry, Oh, with a poxe to them; and some too, who would be entitled, Gentlemen; shall not be able to lift their Armes, to shew them.

* Lust, its owne punisher.

But all these are the fond fancies of *Æsculapius*, whose iudgement in these kinds I would be lothe to embrace. Therefore mine opinion is, (and that must cary it) That this Tatterdemalian *Autumne*, (whom Physitians call, *The fall of the Leafe*, and the Farmers *Harueſt*,) beginnes to shew his ill-fauoured face, * when come is ripe, and calls to be reaped, and when the sinnes of men are shot vp to that height, as that they cry out for the sickle of Gods vengeance to cut them downe.

* True entrance of Autumne.

When the issue of the Earth are disroabed of all their Verdures, and the brood of man stript naked of all their Vertues:

When *Greatneſſe* lits pruning her feathers, (and thoſe borrowed too) in the Sunne-ſhine of *Reputation*, and *Goodneſſe* be faine to lie ſculking in the ſhadow of *Contempt*:

When *Flattery* is euery Lords fellow in the Court, and *Honeſty* is forced to goe a begging in in the Country, becauſe the Citie will not entertaine her:

* *Exeat aula qui vult eſſe pius.*

When *Couſnage* ſhall Foxe-like, be coopt and chained vp in the darke corners of Sale-mens ſhops, and vpon aduantage, be let looſe on the buyer, to gnaw out the bowels of his purſe, and yet he neuer feele it.

When Churches ſhall be empty of ſound-hearted profeſſors, and Ale-houſes cram'd full of* beſtiall and pernitious Pot-ſuckers:

* *Vbi regnat Ebrietas, ibi exulat Ratio.*

When *Murther* ſhall be held but manly reuenge, and the maime act of man-ſlaughter, made but the light *Scene* of mans-laughter:

When *Vſury* ſhall be tearmed *Thriſe*, and Lechery, a tolerable *tricke of youth*: *Extorſion, warie husbandrie*; *Pride, comlineſſe*; and *Drunkenneſſe*, a laudable *recreation*.

* *Quod ſimile Vero eſt, peſſimum eſt mendacium, Quint. Decl.* 11.

When *Hypocriſie* gets on the gabbardine of * *Sanctitie*, to goe to Church in on a Sabbath day,

day, where he will ſit ſighing at a Sermon, and turne vp his eyes, as though he would ſhoote them through the Churches roofe into Heauen; and being returned home, fals to an vndigeſted ſeeming-deuout prayer, and that ſo lowde too, as his * neighbours round about may heare him: yet neuertheleſſe, all the weeke after will practiſe no worſe, then to lie for aduantage, falſifie his promiſe, filch himſelfe drunke, if he can catch it a free-coſt, traduce his neighbour ſecretly, defraud his friend, and then ſweare in his face:

* *Aliud palàm agere, aliud clam, dedecet probos.* Plin. lib. 4.

When children ſhall fling vp oathes and execrations againſt the face of heauen, in the ſtreets, and their Parents ſit laughing at their doores, to heare them ſo forward of their tongues:

When * *Iuſtice* is ſo troubled with the palſey in her hand, that when ſhe is to poyze her ballance, ſhe makes a ſolide cauſe ſeeme light, and a light cauſe, heauie and downe-waight; and when ſhe heaues her ſword, and ſtrikes more out of rage then right; mad-man like, wounding thoſe that ſtand neereſt vnto her.

* *Quiſcelleſtis parcis, omnes perditum ire bonos,* Saluſt.

When the graſs of *Grace* lie ſtarke deaded in the hearts of men, and *Goodneſſe* is excluded from humaine ſocietie.

Theſe, with a ſupernumerarie multitude of

the ſame breed, ſhall bee the vndoubted ſignals of the *Fall of the Leafe*, or rather of the finall diſſolution and deſolation of this wide, wilde, and wicked Vniuerſe.

But for the nature of this *Autumnall* Reuolution, becauſe it begins in *Libra*, I find, That Grocers, Chandlers, and ſuch like, ſhall vſe little weights in their publike Shoppes, and leſſer meaſures in their priuate Chambers: That Knaues ſhall weare ſmockes, and Women haue Warrens in their hearts, that as faſt as Loue creepes in at one hole, it runnes out at another.

Yet *Leo*, being an igniferall Signe, foreſheweth; That diuerſe men ſhall weare their teeth longer then their * Beards, and ſome ſhall be ſo Sunne-burnt with ſitting in the Ale-houſe, that their noſes ſhall Match-like, light a Candle. Others ſhall for want of money pawne their Cloakes, and ſtalke mannerly in their hoſe and Doublets. Some alſo this Quarter ſhall haue barnes, yet want corne to fill them with.

* *Monſtrum horrendum, informe, ingens, cui crinis abeſt.*

Rie, this Quarter ſhall bee common and plentifull euery where, and Knaues ſhall haue licence to ſell it by the mouthfull: and hee that will not ſpend a penny with his friend, by the counſell of * *Drinkalius*, ſhall be thruſt quite out of all good Company for a Hoggrubber.

* One of the learned Doctors of the *Labour-in-vaine*.

It may be doubted, that ſome vncouth maladies will be obuious & obnoxious this quarter: as *Hollowneſſe of the heart*, ſo as one ſhall hardly know a Knaue from an honeſt man: lingring **Conſumptions* alſo of the liuer, that diuers men of good wealth ſhall (by the perſwaſion of their kind hearts) ſpend all, and die bankrupts: Some ſhall bee troubled with ſuffocations in their throates, which cannot be helpt, vnleſſe *Brandon* the hang man, play the skilfull Chyrurgion. Amongſt the reſt, many that haue wiues with faire faces, and foule hearts, ſhall be troubled with an inuiſible ſwelling in their browes; a miſchieuous Malady as incurable, as vnauoydable. Some ſhall be troubled with the *Stone*, and ſeeke to cunning women to aſſwage the fury of that diſeaſe; an infirmity eaſily cured, were it not, that the Doctors of Bridewell did puniſh ſuch feminine Phiſitians by a Statute. But the moſt grieuous diſeaſe that is to be feared, is the **Caraphaluſie* (that is) when good fellowes (for want of money) ſhall oft times be contented to breake vp company.

Plutus claudus eſt, cùm accedit, cùm recedit aliger. Lucian *in* Timone.

An vncouth Malady neuer knowne before.

Thus farre haue you heard of imminent Plagues, Famines, and Diſeaſes, that hang in the tumerous clouds, euery minute ſtriuing to burſt out, and fall vpon our criminall Coxcombes; Misfortunes are not borne alone, but like married fooles they come in couples. Now muſt a ciuill War march at the heeles of theſe by-paſt miſeries, and in this variable Quarter will hee

 firſt

* Strange calamities to ceize on Westminster.

first strike vp his Drum at *Westminster*: who in the beginning thereof, shall lie sicke of a long *Vacation*, and being enraged with the furious operation of this disease, shee buffets her owne cheekes, teares her haire, and would drinke her owne heart-blood in the anguish of her soule. Then sits shee like a * Widdow in the midst of her mourning; then doe her goodly Buildings looke like infected Pest-houses, from whence the Inhabitants are fled: then are her Chambers empty, and her common pathes vntroden. Thus shall the beginning of the *Fall of the leafe* trouble her, insomuch that she feeles the state of her body very weake, and lyable to infirmities: for these Canker-wormes, called *Vacations*, corrode her earkasse, and then leaue it in a long and wasting consumption, more grieuous to her memory, then the comming on of a tedious Winters night to a man tormented with sicknesse, or a marriage delayed, to those that lye sighing for the delights thereof.

* *Proh dolor hinc lachryme!*

Tempora temporibus mutantur tristia lætis: Succedant somnis, gaudia summa malis.

But now note with mee, how suddenly the streame of her sorrow is * turn'd another way: for iust in the necke of this, shall come in the *Meditullium*, or middle part of this interchangeable season, and bring her Balme to cure her fore-receiued wounds; and that's the *Law*, (which lies in at euery Vacation) who is brought a bed foure times a yeere, and deliuered of foure sonnes, that is, the foure *Termes*; one of which comes to visite her: At whose first sight, her heart

heart leapes *Lanoho's* in her bosome; Now shall ye see her as * iocund, as a damsell fast folded in the embracements of her Louer: now shall her cheekes looke red, with an high and lusty colour, for she will wash them in Wines: now shall her Tenants sleepe securely, for they will drinke soundly: now dares she talke * any thing, for she ha's the Law on her side: now shall her Inhabitants bee contented to take crack't crownes, though at another time, they would goe neere to stab him, that should but play with their noses.

Character of her excessiue ioy.

Quid non?

Now shall Vintners be as busie, as Bees in a Hiue; for as Bees flie from one flower to another to sucke out Honey, so shall the *Drawers* leape from one Hogshead to another to let out Wines. In euery roome are the Pottle-pots working, to bring in gaines to their Master, as the other labour to bring forth Waxe for their Hiues. The stings which should be placed in their tayles, are brought in their tongues, to those that at the end of Cup-emptying, are summon'd to the * Barre for a reckoning, for none but men of Reckoning can there be entertained: now the *Drones*, are such, as guzzle downe that, which would doe others good, yet hurt themselues.

Description of a well-custom'd Tauerne.

Qui bibit, soluat, is Tauerne law.

Neither shall *Tauernes* alone fall into this profitable and healthfull *sweating* * *sickenesse*: but all other Trades, Occupations, Mysteries, and Professions, shal row vp and downe this Spring-

Morbus vtilis, non eget medicamine bono.

tide ſtreame of buſines: and ſuch good draughts ſhall they haue, that all ſhall prooue Fiſh that come into their nets.

Beſides, in the open ſtreets ſhall be ſuch walking, ſuch talking, ſuch running, ſuch riding, ſuch clapping too of windowes, ſuch rapping at Chamber-doores, ſuch ratling of pen and Inkehornes; ſuch ruſtling of Buckram-bags, ſuch balling for Prouant, ſuch calling vpon Shots, and ſuch ruffling of ſtuffe Gownes, that at this time, ſome ſhall verily thinke themſelues in a Towne of Warre, and it ſhall truly fall out ſo to be.

For in the height and heat of this irregular combuſtion, ſhall a moſt heauie, blacke, and bitter * conflict happen (if the *Starres* doe not gull mee) betweene *Lawyers*, and their *Chents*; and *Weſtminſter-hall* ſhall bee the field where it ſhall be tryed out: what thundring, what thumping, what threatning, what muſtring, what marching, what Baricadoing, what countermuring, what wheelings, what windings, what ſummoning to parlees, what defiances will there be racketed on either ſide? diſmall ſhall this expedition be to ſome, deadly to others, and ioyfull to a third ſort. It is not yet doom'd by the *Metaphyſicall Moderators*, on whoſe ſide the * victory will flie, but by all Metempſichoſicall coniectures, it is thought the Lawyers will carie away the day, be it but with wrangling: For thoſe that goe armed with Buckram-bagges, in ſtead

Tanto bello, innocens, ac noxius iuxta cadit. Tacit. *lib.* 1. *Annal. cap.* 48.

Palma in medio poſita eſt, accipiat qui velit, Terent.

ſtead of Muskets; with Pen and Inkehornes by their ſides, in ſtead of Touch-boxes, and ſhoote nothing but Paper-pellets, ſhall haue thoſe in terrible execution, * who march with blacke Boxes at their girdles, and white Billes in their hands. Weakeſt goe to the walles.

And albeit, it goe hard on either ſide ouernight, or that the one part be put to the worſe, yet the next morning, ſhall there be fiding into Factions; *Lawyer, againſt Lawyer; Client againſt Client, and all of them endeauour to reaſſume freſh courage and magnanimity. Then ſhall theſe men of Law march againe into the Hall, as it were to the field: The *Councellers* ſhall be the Leaders, *Atturnyes*, & *Clerkes*, petty Commanders, and Officers of both the Armies: the trained old weather-beaten Soldadoe's, ſhall be thoſe that haue followed the Law a long time, and by brabbles haue made themſelues, and their families Beggars: The freſh-water Souldiers, ſhall be thoſe, as were but the laſt Tearme embarqued in the Action. *Lis litem parit*, Phocylid.

In which *March of theirs, if you ſhould but fall in amongſt the Ranckes, you will preſently ſuppoſe your ſelues in the Turkiſh Leaguer: for as the Souldiers there, ſo *theſe* heere, talke of nothing but Stratagems and points of Warre. Some threaten to ouerthrow their Foe-men, vpon *Aſſaults* and *Batteries*: Some (as if an enemy were to be blowne vp in a Cittadell) ſweare to driue them out by way of *Ejections*: Others, as if *En quo diſcordia cives, perduxit miſeros!* Virg.

they came to the sacking of *Constantinople*, vpon nothing but *Attachments*, both of body and goods.

But because I haue wit enough to keepe my selfe out of Gunshot, and to remember an old-said Saw, which long agoe I learn't of my Grandame, That *it is wholesome sleeping in a whole skin*; I will heere leaue them together by the eares*: Fight Dog, fight Beare; and for me the Deuill part them.

*Tutissimum in pace manere.

A briefe Prediction of the 12. Months of the Yeare. 1623.

BVt for I scorne to vndervalue so my Skill, as to serue vnder the Standard of vulgar Astronomy, I should heere lay downe some Documents, when to eate hote meates, and when to drinke new Wines: but because euery Widgin (that ha's money in his purse, and eyes in his head to stumble to a Tauerne) can doe this without a *Kalendar*, I pretermit it, as friuolous and feculent.

Moreouer, I should show you how many followers euery *Month* maintaines, as some Thirty, some One and thirty, and one onely but Eight and twenty; because hee is fallen to decay, and therefore keepes but a colde house: amongst which seruing Creatures, I should giue you the names of the Gentlemen, who are the *Dominæ all*

Letters,

Letters, wearing Red liueries both *winter* and *Sommer*: but becauſe I would not willingly haue a hand in grinding ſuch baſe Colours, giue me leaue to ayre your thoughts on a nimbler wing, where they ſhall flye in a high place; and from whence (as if you ſate in the moſt perſpicuous Twopenny Gallery of a Playhouſe) you ſhall with perſpicacity behold all the partes, which I (your new-come *Aſtrologer*) ſhall Act among the *Starres*; and thus I begin:

The working dayes of euery Month, ſhall not be obſerued this Yeare, as in times of yore; by reaſon of certaine morball infirmities, that are vnauoydably to domineere ouer Tradeſmen, as the **Lazie-euill*, the *Lethargie*, and the *Whiripuffe*; which is, a forgetfull careleſneſſe of their owne State: Dizzineſſe of the pate, (ariſing from the fumes of Tap-laſh) and the like. For men of occupations ſhall in ſpite of *Order*; or the rules of *Almanacke-makers*, tranſpoſe Workidayes into the roomes of Holidayes: yea, by my ſea, and women ſhall hold Holy-dayes in ſuch baſe contempt, that though their Husbands doe then ſhut vp Shops, and lay not abroad their Wares; yet ſhall the Wiues fall cloſe to worke in their ſecret Chambers.

* Wonderfull Maladies amongſt Tradeſmen.

Diuers Grocers this yeare perhaps may breake, for many Reaſons, beſt knowne to themſelues: but (if *Agrippa* foble me not) thoſe Apothecaries muſt haue maine good doings, whoſe *Wiues* are ſurpaſſing faire, and their *Doctors* ſuperlatiue-

perlatiuely famous for their practick & Chance-medley *Science*.

This yeare ſhall Religion bee * ſcoft at, and a deepe ſcandall ſtruck on the Profeſſors thereof: ſo that *Holineſſe* ſhall bee faine to hide its head, for feare of being branded with that irreligious Nick-name of Puritan; and many zealous Saints ſhall not dare, outwardly to ſhew the fruits of that Profeſſion, which inwardly hath taken deepe roote in their hearts, leſt they ſhould be ſnapt vp with the thorny teeth of calumnious Reproach. But woe to the world (cry I) becauſe of offences: For my better *Genius* tels me, that had it not beene for theſe *Moſeſes*, theſe heauenly ſtop-gaps, who by their powerfull Ejaculations and prayers, haue from time to time, bung'd vp the veſſels of Gods wrath, it long ere this, had been, in no leſſe fearefull manner, then plentifull Meaſure, powred downe vpon this Kingdome, to its vtter demoliſhment and perdition.

* Mockers of Religion, are in the high way to Reprobation.

Diuers likewiſe this yeare, ſhall ſurfet in ſinne and ſenſuality, wholly anchoring their hopes on the Spaniſh Prouerbe, *A Roma por todo, At Rome there are* * *Abſolutions* enow for all manner of *Tranſgreſſions*: and ſo nuzzeling themſelues in all ſortes of Naughtineſſe, at laſt ſhall dye of the * *Sardinian* Diſeaſe. *O may the Sunne of Grace ſo ſhine into them, that at laſt they may ſee (with melting ſoules) the Cimmerian blindneſſe of their caliginous Errors!* And that's all the harme I wiſh them.

* Greale a Frier in the fiſt, then liue as you liſt.

* A Diſeaſe, of which many dye laughing.

This

This yeere, ſhall more Newes be coyn'd by the numerous *Multitude, in a minute of an houre, then ſhall fall out to be true, in a Million of yeeres: For diuers, out of an ill-ſeaſon'd, diſcompos'd, and vn-occaſion'd *Affection*, and fanaticall *Fancie*, ſhall conclude infinite *Infallibilities*.

Λαῶν μὲν πολλὸς μαλ' ὑπερθε νέεται ὄχλος ἰδιλίης. Phocyl.

Many *Monſter-Muliers* alſo of our Age, ſhall lay out large ſummes of Time, about white-liming their cheekes, and blemiſhing the brightneſſe of their Creation; beginning their worke in their beds betimes in the morning, and ending it at Noone a little before the Cloth is layd: So that I may iuſtly take vp this Spaniſh Prouerbe; and (if I dare come neere them, for feare of Infection) hurle it at their impious Impudence; That theſe painted *Puppets, the more curious they are about their faces, the more careleſſe they are about their houſes; the reparation of the one, being the ruination of the other.

Que la Muger, quanto mas mirare la cara, tanto mas deſtruye la caſa.

The loſſe of *Memorie*, or the *Lethall Euill*, ſhall ceize vpon them that ſhall goe drunke to bed: but to thoſe who recluſe themſelues in *Counters* or other places of deere reckoning, becauſe they abhorre the vanities of the world; and to thoſe that ſhall be ſwinged with *French-Birch*, or be ſtrucke with a Gentleman-like diſeaſe; the curtalleſt day in Winter ſhall ſeeme more tedious, yea, and indeed ſhall produce more *wearieſome houres, then S. *Barnabies* day, which Nature

Annulus arctus, non geſtandus. Pythag.

ha's decreed to be the longeſt in the yeere.

The Sundayes (as if it were *Biſſextile*, or Leape-yeare) ſhall be by a number leaped ouer, ſo that a filme of *Senſuality* being drawne ouer their eyes, they ſhall not for foure, fiue, or ſixe moneths together, be able (by the aduice and helpe of thoſe that make the beſt waters, to recouer eye-ſight) to ſee a *Church*, but ſhall be ſtruck with ſuch *Megrimes*, and *Vagaries* of the braine, that in ſtead of going to *Church*, they will (if my cunning faulter not) ſtumble into a *Tauerne*.

The Dogge-dayes will all this yeere rage twice a weeke, and that very furiouſly; but their foreſt out-rage will be about the *Beare-garden*. The riſing alſo and declination of the Sunne, ſhall be ſo miraculous; that albeit, it ſhine neuer ſo brightly in our *Horizon*, yet there ſhall be certaine perſons (and thoſe cloſe fellowes too) that ſhall not haue power at high-Noone to behold it. The *Moone* alſo ſhall be ſo various in her influence, that as well men as women ſhall be as mad in all the reſt of the moneths, as in that of *Midſommer*.

* An intolerable liberty in a Chriſtian Commonwealth.

The ſetting vp of a * *whorehouſe* this yeere, ſhall be as common, as the ſetting vp of a *Trade*, yea, and ſhall paſſe vnder that name. For a ſtock of two beds and foure Wenches, ſhall be ſufficient to put a Madame *Pimpernelle* into preſent practiſe, and bring them into reaſonable doings. In theſe Shops of the *World*, the *fleſh*, and the *diuell*, many ſoules ſhall be ſet to ſale, and bodies

exposed to Shipwrack: for men and women there shall as *familiarly goe into a Chamber to endanger one another on a Flock-bed, as into a Tauerne to make one another merry with Wine.

* *Consuetudo vim naturæ obtinet propter vetustatem*, Cicero.

But giue me leaue (my little sweet sinfull Citizens) to season your dis-relliſht palates with this saucie counsell: That when you are mis-led with lust (that *Will-with wispe,*) to those caues of Cockatrises, gather your selues within this thought, That notwithstanding you seeme to suck coole and supple blandishments from their *moist-warme tongues, yet are they but like *Sampsons* Foxes, and carie fire in their tayles: I meane, when you are hurried with the heat of Concupiscence to any of those *Limbo-patrums*, and are at poynt of entrance, then start backe, as from a bed of Snakes, or as you would doe from a house, where a Red-crosse affronts the vpper post of the doore, and be sure to recall this ancient Adage into your memory; *Quicquid agis, prudenter agas, & respice finem:* the which for the lesse-learneds benefit I conster thus: *On what exploit soeuer you venter, be first well aduis'd, and remember the end.* For this is *probatum, whosoeuer rides long on the belly of Lechery, shall be sure at last to be hurl'd at an Hospitall gate.*

* Δεινὰ χρῶν. *Rimis fidibus canit*, Aristid. *Nam omnes qui habent Cytharam, sunt Cytharœdi*, Naz.

* On St. *Lukes* day is there likely to happen such a confusion of Caterpillars at *Cuckolds-hauen*; as that this yeere there shall not die one *Sergeant*; and yet in all the 24. Wards of *London*, A Paradoxe.

ſhall there be ſcarce one honeſt man found aliue of that claw-back Faculty.

Aliud agit, aliud ſimulat, &c.

Drunkennesse this yeere, ſhall turne * *Machiauell*, and play the *Polititian*; for though ſhee cannot haue lycence to keepe open-houſe on the *Sabbath-day*, and get her full ſwinge, to out-ſtare the *Law*, to reele & ramble out of euery tipling-Schoole; by reaſon of ſome wholeſome Inhibitions conceiued againſt her Irregularity; yet will ſhe in the midſt of diuine *Seruice*, ſlily filtch her ſelfe into the Tauerne vnder a *Church-wardens* Gowne; where ſhe ſuddenly will ſacrifice more pence in pintes of Sack to her ſpoungie Lungs, then ſhall be after the Sermon, diſtributed to the poore of the Pariſh; and at her comming foorth, ſhall wipe her iudicious chinne with ſuch a compos'd grauity, as if ſhee had beene ſearching thoſe neſts, for ſome birds of the ſame feather.

The gouernance of *Scorpio*, this yeere, ſhall be ſo flammigerous; that Court-bloods ſhall ſo boyle in their burning boſomes; as that the moſt monſtrous or manlike Lady of them all, ſhall be glad (not withſtanding her Stilletto) to runne behind the Arras (perhaps you will thinke, of purpoſe to be found there) to hide and preſerue her Chaſtity from their vnreſiſtable fury: but in this jumbling *combuſtion, poore Chamber-pot Wenches ſhall be ſure (how ere the game goes) to goe to the walles; where, to cry out, will be bootleſſe, for they ſhall bee put in no

Luſt, lawleſſe.

ſtronger

ſtronger hopes, then to bee vſed without pitty, vntill the ſtorme be layde and ouerblowne.

Poets * who are vertues Crutches, and keepe liſe in the dying world, this yeare, ſhall bee in a poore caſe: for if they bee but taken napping with * good Cloathes on their backes, and ſtore of money in their pockets; they ſhall preſently be apprehended by the Citties *Anniuerſaries*, and clapt into the *Chronicles*: but to preuent this danger, I hope, that *Opus* and *Vſus*, their two daily Companions, will continually lye knocking at their Chamber doores, to keepe them waking.

Abſq; virtute è mundo virtus, manet, Orbis gloria, Syr. Epiſt. 49.

* *Hæc rarò aut nunquam.*

Proh dolor! hinc lachryma!

Very few Foot-men this yeare ſhall purchaſe Land: for that in the courſe of their liues, they commonly are vnſtayed fellowes, and moſt an end, carry running heads.

This is likely to be an heauy yeare to poore * Porters too: For though ſundry commutatiue differences fall betweene Marchant and Marchant, Sale-men and Countrey-Chapmen, with other like accidentall occurrences; yet the Porters muſt beare the burthen of it; and by the helpe of * *Patience* ſhall carry it away willingly: And beſides, for that they are generally reputed, men of the beſt vnder-ſtanding, they ſhall this yeare be truſted with the weightieſt matters of the Common-wealth.

* *Quiſq; portabit Onus.*

* *Patientia aſinium onus*, ſaith a *Spaniard*.

Trumpetters, of all other men, this yeare, had moſt need to carry *Aqua-vitæ* Bottles at their girdles; and the reaſon is; for that they are moſt

ſubiect to ſounding. And as for common Fidlers; they ſhall ſcrape out a poore liuing out of dryed Cats-guts; and many of them ſhall this yeare be troubled with abhominable noyſes and ſingings in their heads, inſomuch as the moſt part of them ſhall dye Beggers; or at the beſt, as bare as their Cloakes, or a baſe Vyoll vncaſed; and thoſe that ſuruiue, ſhall often feed on melody for want of better meate.

And wheras the *Eccliſpes* of this yeare ſhall be farre remote from the ſigne *Piſces*, it ſhewes, that there ſhall bee much ſtinking Fiſh at *Belinſgate*; and that *Queene-borrow* Oyſter-boates ſhall carry more Knaues then Honeſt men: but let Fiſhwiues beware, leſt moſt of them this yeare, proue not inſufferable Scolds: yet becauſe *Piſces* is a Signe that gouernes the feete, they ſhall weare out more Shooes in *Lent*, then in any 2. moneths beſides throughout the whole yeare, and get their liuing (liking the *wandring *Iew*) by walking and Crying; becauſe they will rayle againſt *Pye-corner*, and call her, The ſoule-fac'd fulſome Slut of the Citty.

Read Trundle, in his 1. Tome of the Wandring Iew.

I ſhould heere vnlock the Casket of my knowledge, (hauing well nie forgot) and lay open ſome rarities concerning * *Players*: but becauſe the Cõmon-wealth affoords them not their due deſert; and for they are men of ſome *parts*, & liue not like lazy Drones, but are ſtill in *Action*; I am content ſilently to referre them to three Sublunary *Felicities*; which are theſe: A *Faire Day*, a

* *Qui bene latuit, bene vixit; multa mal'o reddunt.*

Good

Good Play, and a *Gallant Audience*, and ſo let them ſhift for their liues.

But now haue I an horrible Monthes minde, to cut through the Mayne of the 12. *Monthes*, in a particuler ſucceſſiue Order: but the Glaſſe which Time ha's lent me, being not fill'd with many howers, I will hoyſt Sayle, and onely diſcouer ſixe of them, and then caſt Anchor.

Behold them therefore at hand, how they come friſking in ſingle file one after another, like ſo many Morice-Dancers, (my ſelfe being the Hobby-horſe) and euery *Month* wearing in his Cap, in ſtead of a Feather, Foure vnhandſome holeſome Rimes; conformable to the faſhion of our *Newetricke Prognoſticators*. And thus heare the Foreman of the Morice deliuer his ſpeach.

IANVARY.

This Month drink you no Wine commixt with Dregs,
Eate Capons, and fat Hens with dumpling Legs:
Whether it bluſter, Sleete, hayle, freeze, or Snow,
Be ſure, that from the Fire you doe not goe.

THE Firſt day of *Ianuary* being raw, colde and comfortleſſe to ſuch as haue loſt their mony at **Dice* at one of the *Temples* ouer-night, ſtrange apparitions are like to be ſeene: *Marchpanes* marching

Diſpoſition of *Ianuary*.

*One being asked, what his Opinion was of Ga-

ming, thus replyed: Hee that looseth, looseth Heauen, and hee that winnes, winnes Hell.

ching betwixt *Leaden-Hall* and the little *Conduit* in *Cheape*, in such aboundance, that an hundred good fellowes may sooner starue, then catch a corner, or a Comfit to sweeten their mouthes.

It is also to be feared, that through frailty, if a slip be made on the Messengers default that carries them, for non-deliuery at the place appointed; that vnlesse the said messenger, be not the more inward with his Mistris, his Master will giue him ribrost for his Newyeares-gift the next morning.

This day shall be giuen many more gifts then shall be asked for: and Apples, Egges, and Orenges, shall be lifted to a lofty rate; when a Pomewater bestucke with a few rotten Cloues, shall be more worth then the honesty of an Hypocrite: and halfe a dozen of Egges of more estimation, then the Vowes of a Strumpet. *Poets* this day shall get mightily by their Pamphlets: for an hundred of Eleborate *Lines* shall be lesse esteemed in *London*, then an hundred of Walfleet Oysters at *Cambridge*.

Be not proude my nimble pated *Mercuries*: you that send forth your *Pamphlets* flutt'ring about the City to fetch in Crownes: for ere this yeares Semicircles meet, (if I ouershoot not my skill in *Astrologie*) *Latine* shal be set at a lower rate, then a Lobster; and *Greeke* stand begging in *Paules* with a Paper on its brest, as a punishment, that it should be so presumptuous, as to begge with an *Heathen* Tongue, in this our *Iewish* Nation; and

* *Quo Fata trahunt, retrahuntque sequamur,* Virg.

* *Fatadecuiq; quid fleat, quid gaudeat.* Sen. Preu.

and all this, long of a malignant Aſpect of ſome purſie Planet, that had rather heare an *Oxe* of his owne lowe in his *Paſture*, then a Scholler declaime of *Hoſpitality* in his Larder.

The 2. 3. 4. and 5. of this Month, to begin the New yeare thriftily; He that ha's any buſineſſe of import abroad; the firſt thing he do's, muſt be ſure, firſt to riſe in the morning, before he goe any whether. For though *Albumazar* and *Ptolomee* talke of theſe Circumſtances, yet my Bookes *warrant me; That about *Soper-Lanes* end, (Heauen keepe Printers from thence) theſe dayes early in the morning, if you ſet ſixe double ribbes of roſt-Beefe, with Bread and Drinke ſutable; ere a Sergeant can goe to *Paules* to ſay his prayers with a ſound *Conſcience*, will be no more reliques ſeene of the Roſt-meate (I trow well) then is at this day of great *Illium*.

Tanto quiſq; ipſe tutus amplius ſtultior, quanto operatur exterius, ſapiens videri. Greg.

The ſixt of this Month; if your buſineſſe aske not much haſt, it will be better going by Land then by water to *Brainford*: and being like to be colde and a cloſe Skye, better putting into an* Alehouſe at *Putney*, then to wing againſt winde and tide without a tilt-Cloath to *Richmond* banke.

Teſtudinem tua tegumen tuta eſt. Luc.

About ſixe a clocke in the morning (the tide ſeruing well at *Queen-hiue*) he that ſups not ouernight, and lands at the Court with Purſe and ſtomacke empty, vnleſſe hee finde ſome friend to comfort him, ſixe to foure, he could finde in his heart to venter the ſtealing of the *Guards* Chine

of Beefe: which thing to doe, would be an Herculean taske, considering the great Fire-forke so neare, and so many sharpe shauers at hand, Champions for the Beefe and the Bombard.

This day about the houres of 5.6.7.8.9. and 10. yea in some places till midnight well nigh, will be such a Massacre of Spice-bread, that ere the next day at noone, a Two-penny browne Loafe will set twenty poore Folkes teeth on edge: which hungry humour will hold so violent, that a number of good fellowes will not refuse to giue a statute Marchant of all the Lands and goods they enioy, for halfe a Crownes worth of Two-penny pasties.

And if on this night there bee neuer so much Masking in the Strand, Cheapside, Holburne, or Fleetstreet, yet it is to bee thought, *(propter Sympathiam)* there will be as hote Reuels without Torch-light, in * White-friers, Turnbull, Field-lane, &c. at Noone dayes, as you shall finde at *Antwerpe* in *Lepwel*-Street, or *London* in *Petticote*-Lane.

Libido nullo loco excluditur.

For the residue of the dayes dispositions of this Month, I finde they will be conformable to the former, and farre different from that, which our annuall Prognosticators shall foretell of them: Therefore lest my Pen should freeze to my fingers ends, I will abandon the Company of this Clumzy-fisted Gray-bearded *Ianuary*, and leaue him to blow his Nayles.

FEBRVARY.

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If thou haſt ſtore of Caſh, drinke Muskadine,
And chuſe a young Wench to thy Valentine:
For ſhee that's queaſie, ouer-worne and Olde,
Can make no muſicke in a Month ſo Colde.

FEBRVARY *fill-dike*: An olde ſaying and a true; for it is like this yeare to fill Dike, I can tell you, but not fill *Dickes* belly: For according to the courſe of Aſtrologie, the Charity of men will refrigerate extreamely with the weather; both being as colde as the *Harrowes* Bottle-Beere was the laſt yeare on *Chriſtmas* euen, which warm'd me at the heart, like the croking Call of a carrion Conſtable at midnight, abetted by his barbarous Bill-men to encounter me. Twenty ſeauen of theſe 28. dayes, Men, Women, & Children, are like to fill the Ditches in ſome Countries, & make poore Cabbins in high wayes, for want of warmer Stowage, long of a ſwarme of cruell Caterpillars, that * Cormorant-like ſhall ſwallow the patrimonies of the Widowes and Fatherleſſe, who disburſe no more benevolence at their doores, then comes from the poore, out of the backe Gate of the *Sauoy*.

Quis metus aut pudor eſt vt quam proxime auari?

But that I am a Prognoſticator and no Preacher, (my ſmall honeſt friends) I could elſe render you ſome ſauory Sentences out of holy *writ*, againſt this hardnes of heart, contempt, and co-

uetouſnes, that might perhaps moue you neuer a whit to amend: but becauſe you care as little for Sermons as Almanackes, and all one, I will leaue you to your Idolatry, who haue ſeen more Angels on Earth, then euer you ſhall ſee in Heauen; (vnleſſe you repent) hang me elſe (Vſurers) and let me lacke no Rope.

To the Ninth day of this Month, ſuch will be the ſharpneſſe of the weather for the moſt part; that it will be as good walking in a fur'd Gowne, as in a Doublet cut vpon ſtarke naked: and as good Dining well in a matted Chamber, as Dialoguing with Duke *Humphrey* in *Paules*.

This day will be ſuch ſtormy weather in Weſtminſter-Hall, that ſome through the fulneſſe of griefe, and emptineſſe of Purſe, will goe nie to burne his Capcaſe, & be glad to take 13. groates *de claro* for his *gray-Maro*.

The 10. 11. and 12. dayes, ſuch a ſlaughter ſhall be cõmitted in Eaſt-Cheape, St. *Nicholas* Shambles, Southwarke, & Smithfield-Barres, that for 6. weekes and vpward, ſome one or two *Carnifices* in thoſe corners, are like to doe Penance, & ſtand all day vnder a white Sheet, ſelling that for two Shillings, that they might well affoord for 16. pence; if they did not pay ſome 40. Markes for a Licenſe: which indeed forceth the Fiſhmongers take vp this colde complaint, and ſay truely: *Licentiâ ſumus omnes deteriores*; and wiſh wiſely beſides, that ſuch Patents did not proue Patent oppreſſions.

But

But now ſtand off (my friends) giue roome I ſay: for here muſt enter that wadling, ſtradling, burſten-gutted *Carnifex* of all Chriſtendome; vulgarly enſtiled *Shrowe-Tueſday*, but more pertinently, ſole-monarch of the Mouth, high Steward to the Stomack, chiefe Ganimede to the Guts, prime Peere of the Pullets, firſt fauorite to the Frying-pans, greateſt Baſhaw to the Batter-bowles, Protectour of the Pan-cakes, firſt Founder of the Fritters, Baron of Bacon-flitch, Earle of Egge-baskets, and in the leaſt and laſt place, lower Warden of the Stinke-ports. This corpulent Commander of thoſe chollericke things, called *Cookes*, will ſhew himſelfe to be but of ignoble education; for by his manners, you may finde him better fed then taught where euer hee comes: For he feedes fulſomly on nothing but fleſh, of purpoſe to empty Plenties Pallace, to fill the dirty draught; and deuoures with delight, onely to impouerish Heauens Bounty, and quite eraze the race of Roſt-meate. Deſcription of Shroue-Tueſday.

By the reuolution of the Starres, this is alſo infallible, the ſigne being in *Piſces*; That Fiſhmongers ſhall ſell more fiſh in ſixe weekes this yeere, then in ſixteene after Eaſter: by which I diuine, That he that makes his dinner with red Herrings on a Sunday, would be * glad with all his heart of a loyne of Veale, to cloſe his ſtomack; which becauſe he cannot ſo conueniently eate at noone dayes in new Fiſh-ſtreet, I wiſh him to the Barres in Smithfield, or a little be- * *Eſurienti (Lupo) ne occurras*, Theocrit.

yond, where for money he may haue fleſh at all times of the day.

From the 13. to the 20. of this preſent Moneth, what weather ſoeuer comes, ye ſhall at all times of the day finde ſuch good Cuſtomers in *Paules*, that for three ſingle yards of Sattin, will ſeale with you to a * Recognizance of an hundred pound howſoeuer: but it is to be feared, *Mercury* being predominant, that a day or two before the day of payment, one *March* blaſt will blow them to *Virginia*; who when once being gone, you ſhall finde a meaſure of *Hercules* foot, as ſufficient, as their obligation euer after.

Cùm maximè fallit, bonus vir videri vult.

For the reſidue of the dayes of this Moneth, if the ſnow fall but a foote thicke, are like to be ſeene ſuch formidable Monſters, Beares, Lyons, Elephants, and Vnicornes, in Cheapſide, Cornehill, Fleetſtreet, and Paules-Church-yard, that ſome ſhall not dare to put their heads out of doore, or walke the ſtreets for feare of ſnapping: others, ſhall gather vp on credit, as much as they can, and then take *Ludgate* for Sanctuary: nay, and I feare me too, that the proudeſt *Aſtrologer* of vs all, ſhall not dare to * venter by the Poultry gate; leſt he ſhould be ceaz'd on, and hurried too into a Gulfe, where he ſhall ſee nothing but *Miſerie* charactred on the naked walls, lowzie lodging, and men walking vp and downe like affrighted Spirits in Purgatory, crying out on Conſcience, and Couſnage, their continuall Companions.

Semper plus animus metuit, ignorans mali.

Dij talem terris auertite peſtem.

MARCH.

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Walke warme within thy Chamber or thine Hall;
March not too faſt, leſt thou doe catch a fall:
And better is the duſt (when windes doe riſe,)
To lie beneath thy feete, then in thine eyes.

MARCH, my books ſay, is this yeere like to be wet and windie. The 1. 2. 3. 4. and 5. day, ſuch weather, that if it rayne a pace, it will be better and dryer going in Thames-ſtreete in a payre of liquor'd Neates-leather Bootes, then in a payre of Spaniſh leather Pumpes: and farre worſe marching ouer *Hownſlow heath* without a Cloake, then with one.

The 6. 7. 8. and 9. dayes; if it powre downe-right in the after noone, it will be as good tarying at an honeſt Alehouſe, and take impoſt, as going to a bowling Alley, and looſe euery bet.

The 10. 11. and 12. if the Clouds ſwell, and tend to skuds, though it thunder not aloft, yet ſixe to foure, once ere night, it will ſo thunder in *Turne-againe-Lane*, that the * Fiſh-wiues will fight a combat with *Belins-gate* Playce: whereof this yeere ſhall be ſuch ſtinking ſtore, that a man had better hang them at his backe, then put them in his belly.

* *Cavinam ſecundam exercent*, Salu.

Till the 26. of this Moneth, the weather will be

be ſo raw and raynie, that neuer a Merchant, Mercer, Grocer, Draper, Fiſhmonger, Goldſmith, Haberdaſher, Skinner, Salter, Iron-monger, or Vintner, but had as lieue deliuer for ready money, as for dayes, to the beſt Chapman, Courtier, or Cuſtomer he hath: and moreouer, will ariſe ſuch gales of peſtiferous guſts, that not a Phyſitian, or Chirurgeon in the Towne, but had rather haue a rich man to his Patient, then one who hath neither money to giue in earneſt nor in ieaſt.

The 26. 27. and ſo to the end of this Moneth, you can gueſſe as well as I, what weather will happen: marie this I finde in many moe Authors, then either you or I haue euer ſeene or heard of, That he that hath not his * Rent ready ſome one of theſe dayes, being the laſt of *March*; may perchance hop without his houſe in *Aprill*, vnleſſe happily his Featherbed reprieue him, and his *Land-lord* freely and friendly giue him leaue to lie in the ſtraw, till the day of *Redime* come on.

* Pecuniæ ſunt neceſſariæ, ſine quibus nihil rectè geri poteſt, Demoſt. 3. Olynth.

A few flawes are like to fall the latter end of this Moneth; which foule weather, if it hold, will keepe ſome ſo faſt in the *Counter*, as that without an *Habeas corpus*, or a better comprimiſe, they are not likely to walke abroad in haſt. As for thunder and lightning, you ſhall be ſure to haue more ſtore this Moneth, at the *Fortune* in *Golding-lane*, then in *Graues-end* Barge, or in *Weſtminſter-hall*, in a long *Vacation*.

APRILL.

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Aprils ſoft ſhowers, as ancient Authors ſay,
Bring in and beautifie the flowres of May:
Whether thy Doublet be or thicke or thinne,
T'is better to be warme, then wet to'th skinne.

APRILL ſhowers bring *May* flowers. This is as true as *February* fill-dike: and indeede if ſhowers fall faſt in *Aprill*, it is like enough that ſome bodies money and gold will bee cleane waſht out of their purſes ere *May*: For the 1. 2. and 3. day of this Moneth, a ſhoulder of Mutton will then be in as good requeſt, as at any time of the yeere before or after.

The 4. or 5. and ſixt, ſhall be many more ſuites of apparell worne, then will be payed for: and more money *beſtowed on fat Lambes in *Eaſt-cheape*, then will be giuen to all the poore betweene the *Tower* and *Weſtminſter*.

*Nullum bonum eſt, quo quis malè non vtatur.

The 7. 8. 9. and 10. young men ſhall waxe ſo couetous, that they ſhall ſeeke to ceize on all the prety Wenches they can come by; and old men ſo luſty and wanton, that a wealthy Widdow ſhall be better welcome vnto them, then a pure poore virgine, that ha's ne're a penny to her marriage. Batchelours wiues, and maydens children in theſe dayes are like to be well taught,

and more ſeeming-friendſhip to be had in an houſe of *Tranſgreſſion* for a French-crowne, though it be a bald one, then at *Belins-gate* for a boxe o'th eare.

The 11.12.and 13.ſhall be much deluing with Spade and Pick-Axe, amongſt Gardeners: But this I muſt tell you, that not one pot of gold ſo found or taken vp, ſhall euer be drawne in queſtion at the Exchequer, or come into the Cryers mouth at * *Alders-gate*. And if peraduenture one or other with his Mattocke hit vpon any ſuch miſchance; if hee repaire the ruines of ſome Church with it, preſently hee forfeits his eye-ſight, and ten to one, will lacke money, ere hee dies, to buy his dinner.

* *Fortuna fauet ſatuis.*

From the 13. to the 21. the weather ſhall be ſo variable, that he who lies in *Lud-gate*, and becomes a cloſe fellow, ſhall not weare out ſo many ſhooes in a day, as a foot-poſt will doe in a whole twelue-moneth; and thoſe that lye encountred, ſhall be ſure to haue a dry houſe ouer their heads, when their Creditours (perhaps) goe dabbling vp and downe in the durt: but for that *Venus* will be in coniunction with *Mars*, it preſageth; that many a ſturdy knaue-Oſtler will be buſie with the * Kitchin-maid in the manger, while their Miſtreſſes ſiluer Whiſtle keepes time to their Trench-more.

* *Si non caſtè, tamen cautè.*

About this time, new Playes will be in more requeſt, then old: and if company come currant to the *Bull* and *Curtaine*, theſe will be more money

ney gathered in one after-noone, then will be giuen to *Kings-land* Spittle in a whole moneth. Alſo, if at this time, about the houres of foure and fiue, it waxe cloudy, and then raine downe-right, they ſhall ſit dryer in the Galleries, then thoſe who are the vnderſtanding men in the yard.

In the reſt of this Moneth will be ſuch moiſture ſtirring, that if ſome doe not looke warily this *Spring* to the *Engliſh Rheume*, it may chance turne the next fall to the *French*—*P*.

In the laſt quarter, *Widowes that follow their Husbands howling to the Church, will drill ſuch ſhowers of ſorrow from their eyes, as that ere the buriall banquet be fully ended, they will be more then halfe ſped of freſh bed-fellowes.

* No more pity to ſee a widow weep, then to ſee a Gooſe goe bare-foot.

For the ſtormes, ſhowers, guſts, flawes, and Changes incident in this *Moone*, I might ſet downe a more concíſe Diſcourſe, if I could tell how: but let this ſatisfie, that in this Moneth, many *Cataclyſmes* will fall in the bottomes, flats, and low grounds, that will bring foorth ſuch fruit in *February*, as will goe alone with a little helpe within forty weekes after.

MAY.

To Iſlington *and* Hogſdon, *runnes the ſtreame*
Of giddie people, to eate Cakes and Creame.
which is ſarre wholeſomer, with Sugar in,
Then in the dust, to wade vp to the chin.

MAY is the merry moneth, and may not be put beſide his iocund humour: yet on the firſt day betimes in the morning, ſhall young Fellowes and Mayds be ſo inueloped with a miſt of wandring out of their wayes, that they ſhall fall into ditches one vpon another, and there ſhall the *young* men lie for a little while, not being able to ſtand, while the Maids after their downe-falls, being aſtonied, ſhall riſe ſooner then they would doe. Yet in the after-noone, if the skie cleare vp, ſhall be a ſtinking ſtirre at Picke-hatch, with the ſolemne reuels of Morice-dancing, and the Hobbie-horſe ſo neately preſented, as if one of the Maſters of the Pariſh had playd it himſelfe. Againſt this high day likewiſe ſhall be ſuch preparations for merry meetings, that diuers durty-Sluts ſhall beſtow more in * Stuffe, Lace, and making vp of a Gowne, and a Peticote, then their two yeeres wages comes too, beſides the benefit of Candles ends, and Kitchin-ſtuffe.

* *Citò ignominia ſit ſuperbi gloria, Syr. Omnium ſuperbia, procedit ex ſui ignoratione.*

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This day ſhall be erected long wooden Idols called *May-poles*; whereat many greaſie Churles ſhall murmure, that will not beſtow ſo much as a Faggot-ſticke towards the warming of the Poore: an humour, that while it ſeemes to ſmell of *Conſcience*, ſauours indeed of nothing but *Couetouſneſſe*.

From the 1. to the 23. day, he that liues to ſee them, ſhall ſee more broken heads at Cudgels vnder the *Zenith* of *London*, then Angels or French Crownes in the poore mens Box at *Ludgate*. And within the compaſſe of theſe dayes, ſhall there happen ſuch a tenebrous obfuſcation of the *Sunne*, that in all Great *Britaine* ſhall you hardly diſcerne a common *Horſe-courſer* from an arrant *Knaue*. As for Taylors and Millers, ſuch ſhall be their Conſcience, that worke *Mercury* neuer ſo mightily, they ſhall ſteale nothing, but that which is brought vnto them.

The reſidue of this pleaſant Month, will bee Congruous to the ſweet Seaſon, onely it will be ſomewhat bleake in the mornings, which will ſo coole the Hoſpitality of many a Country-Gentleman, as being in hope to buy *Fowles* better cheape in St. *Nicholas*-Shambles, then kill them with his owne Hawkes, he will leaue his *Bayliffe*, and his *Dairy-Maydes* to multiply together at home, and either ſojourne with ſome Cittizen, for the loue of his Wife; or keepe a Garden-Houſe, and a freſh Wench, ſome-where about the Suburbes.

Difficulter reiiciuntur vitia, quæ nobiſcum creuerunt. Seneca.

IVNE.

Take heede of toſſing Balles vntill you ſweate,
And to be ſwelted with vnkindly heate:
Yet though the time ſerue, you your Sheepe may ſheare,
'Tis better haue good Cloaths, then none to weare.

THE 1. 2. and 3. of this Month, the weather is like to be ſo inconſtant in diſpoſition; as that he who ha's made an ill bargaine at *Algate*, ſhall *repent him twice, ere he come to *Charing-Croſſe*. And *Painters* ſhall proue the craftieſt Corporation in the Citty: for whatſoeuer buſineſſe they take in hand, they ſhall finde ſome Colour for it.

Criminis Medicina præceps ipſa pœnitentia, Arrian.

The 4. 5. 6. and 7. if the weather proue faire, many mens eyes ſhall be ſo dazeled with the illuſtrious coruſcation of the Sun-beames; That they ſhall meete a * *Taylor* in the ſtreet, and take him to be ſome *Knight*: and preſently after meet a *Knight*, and thinke him to bee a *Gentleman* of ſome Noble deſcent.

A tricke of legerdumain, called *Deceptio viſus.*

About this Month's 8. 9. and 10. ſhall Diſeaſes raigne powerfully in this Realme, and eſpecially the *ſwelling-Euill*; inſomuch as diuers fat gorrell-gutted Churles, ſhall haue golden Tumors and Tympanies in their purſes.

But if they be long let alone (an hundred to one)

one) ſome one or other of them will neuer ſee wel, till he be *Sheriffe* of his Shire, or haue bought his neighbors Houſe ouer his head for a fauour. Beggers at this time ſhall be no chooſers, vnleſſe it be *Robin-Hoods* choyſe; *Either this or nothing.* Brewers alſo ſhall by exchange, take vp money out of the *Thames* without Bill or Aſſurance, and turne Water into double Beere, without miracle.

Hackney-men this Month, ſhall be prodigiouſly Planet-ſtrucke: For hee that takes ſixe Shillings for three dayes hyre of a Curtoll; may happen neuer to ſet eye of him, till his tayle ha's attained a ſeauen yeares growth: ſuch kindle * Cuſtomers ſhall they meete with, this faire weather, that becauſe Hay and Horſe-meate are deare, they will giue them the running of a Nag or Gelding all their life-time for nothing.

* *Fallere fallentem non eſt fraus.*

Till the 20.th of this Month of *Iune*; the Weather is like to ſhew ſo ſerene a browe; That Watermen ſhall rowe in their Shirts vp and downe the Riuer: And he that plyes a man at *Paules*-wharfe, with his Cap in's hand for a Penny; ſhall be as ready to out-braue him in ſcuruy tearmes, the next day on the Banke-ſide, or the Beare-garden, as if he were a Gentleman of Fiue hundred pounds Land *per Annum.*

The 21.22. and 23. of this Month, will be good ſhearing Sheepe, and better owning them. Theſe dayes, it is to be doubted, that Gentlemen and wealthy Countrey-chuffes, will ſo fleece their

their poore neighbours, that twenty Tenements ſhall flye at once into one Manner-houſe, and a goodly large Common transformed to a Parke, for cumbring the Pariſh.

Theſe dayes the Eccliplſes chancing in *Cancer*, ſole houſe of the Moone: Colliers, Smithes, Blacking-boyes, Armorers, and Chimney-ſweepers, are like to weare the fouleſt Faces in the Citty: and Ladyes, Landreſſes, and curious Sempſters, the faireſt hands. &c About this time of the yeare, will be farre better riſing to Prayers then at St. *Andrewes*-tide: and St. *Antlins* Church better filled at ſixe in the morning, then in *February* or *March* at hye Noone.

In this Seaſon the weather being as faire as it will be, an ambling Nag ſhall be as eaſie for an Olde man to ride on, as an hard Trotter: and he that is perplexed with an Ague, ſhall bee more deſirous to keepe his Bed, or the Chimney corner, then to backe a great Horſe in a Scottiſh-ſaddle. Schollers likewiſe ſhall be kindely entreated, the rather, for it is the latter end of the Quarter; and Tutors as ready to receiue Quarteridge, as reade Logicke Lectures to their Pupils.

The 24. 25. and ſo onward to the end of this Month, though the weather ſhall be extreamely hote, yet ſhall Satin bee as faire wearing as Sackcloath; and a perfum'd Leather Ierkin, as good as a payre of Sheepe-skin breeches: Veluet, though it weare beſt in the Winter, ſhall bee farre

farre dearer then Buckram; and Silke-ſtockings not ſo good cheape, as linnen Boot-hoſe.

About theſe dayes, if the Lyons in the Tower roare, as they were wont; a ſeaming-lac'd Shirt, and an open-ſleeu'd Doublet, ſhall be bought cheaper for ready money, then vpon *Iackadandies* bond; though it bee ſealed with his wooden ſtump at the *Wraſtling place*.

In this Moneth, let *Graues-end* Barge looke to her fraight; for lie the windes neuer ſo low; if there be neither *Louſe*, nor *Flea*, *Knaue*, nor *Drab*; *Thiefe*, nor *Whore* in it, it will ſinke betweene *Wapping* and *Woolwich*, a Noble to a Groat.

For poſting betweene *Douer* and *Graues-end*; howſoeuer the Tide fall by day or night; the ſofter you ride, (the ſooner I will not ſay,) the ſafer you come to your iourneys end. And this I can tell you; though the weather towards the latter end of this Moneth be neuer ſo hot; yet hee that lies in the bottome of the *Thames* two houres together, were as good bee on the Temple-ſtayres ſtarke-naked, with an hundred pound of his owne in a bagge vnder his arme.

The two laſt dayes of this Moneth, will be as good a time to lay a furr'd Gowne to pawne as in any ſeaſon of the yeere; vnleſſe it be to be vſed for a greater exigent, as to bribe a Sergeant, ſo to euolue out of a more intricate danger: then (all excuſes ſet apart) pawne Gowne, or whatſoeuer, according to the old aduerbe: *Better ſuffer a miſchiefe then a conuenience.*

Now at the cloſe ſhould I lead you vp into thoſe ſpangled Pallaces aboue vs, and ſhew you two and twenty thouſand Starres, and tell you the names of them all; then bring you into the *Planets* banquetting-houſe, where you might behold their glorious Magnificence: but becauſe they are (like bad Tenants here below) alwaies remouing, I know not where to find them: The Sphæres harmonious conglomerations, &c. but ſome wiſer then ſome, therefore for theſe trifles, I referre you to the reading of Doctor *Dondolo*: Onely take this decurtate concluſiue prediction along with you for a parting blow, as touching obnoxious accidents: That it will be farre better for the bodies and purſes of men to drinke Bottle-Ale moderately, then Claret, or Sacke exceſſiuely: and farre worſe for a woman to receiue a thumpe o'th backe with a ſtone, or a pop i'th eye with a ſticke; then haue a meſſe of white-broath, or a Iowle of freſh-Cod to dinner.

* According to the opinion of all Aſtrologers.

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THVS farre (my capricious Conſtruers) haue I guided you, by the ſlender twiſt of my cackling Skill, through the Labyrinth of this buſie Seaſon of ſixe Monthes: So that by this time, I doubt not, but you are ſubſtantially inſtructed in Iacke Dawes *Dialect*; which is, (ſuting to the garbe of all vs Aſtrologers) to prattle much, to little purpoſe. Therefore, leſt my too-much chattering ſhould peſter the eares of Patience, I will now take wing, and flye from out this contagious Climate, into ſome Solitary and ſacred place; where (after pruning my infected feathers) I will re-edifie my towzed Neſt, and there carefully hatch vp the other ſixe Monthes; which ſhall be fledge and ready to flye the next Tearme, or neuer. But heere ſuppoſe me to ſpeake Spaniſh; or promiſe Quouſq; and meane to performe vpon Aduantage. Till when, I hopefully Conclude, to haue left behind me ſuch an euident Demonſtration of my vnparaleld Practiſe in Starre-ſtaring, as ſhall induce the both meaneſt, and moſt iudicious, to ſay; That (well fare his Chaps) — Mouet Cornicula riſum.

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OR

A Cox-comicall Prediction of this ſucceeding yeares Production. 1623.

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OVt of high *Selfe-conceit*, I forth could chatter,
Such monſtrous *Omens*, as it makes no matter,
To winne a windy *Reputation* from
Plebean Breath, as (* wiſely) haue done ſome; * Stupid.

And ſo the *Turne-Key* draw vpon my backe:
Qui neſcit tacere, loqui neſcit. But I haue *Wit* enough to keepe my * clacke,
And not ore-ſwell my Bankes; as did that *Flood*,
Who ſoyl'd his purer Current in the Mudde
of Scandall; whoſe foule ſtigmaticke deepe *Shame*,
Was ſtrucke ſo home, as 'twill out-laſt his Name.
I cannot Cogge, though I can talke *Non-ſenſe*;
Maugre Eaues-dropping ſlye *Intelligence*:
For who faines *Truth* vnto a falſe *Intent*;
May ſome ſharpe *Vlcer* play on's *Fundament*
The *Spaniſh-Pauin*; or elſe the *Engliſh* Horſe
Of *Wood*, diſ-mount him, and ſtop's *Natures* courſe.
Heau'ns bleſſe the *King*: And *God* good-ſpeed the (Plough:
If *Corne* be plentifull, wee's haue *enough*:
If 't chance to *Raine* or *Shine*; or both, or either,
We ſhall be ſure t'haue foule, or elſe faire *Weather*.
If *Flatt'ry* be ſent packing from the *Court*,
Falſhood i'th *Citty*, ſhall in *Truthfull* ſort
Then ſtuffe each *Shop*: when *Good-things* come, *Bad* flye;
If *Fiſh* want Water, they muſt needs be *Dry*.
If fruitleſſe *Striſe*, the Countrey doe diſ-eaſe,
Then *Lawyers* muſt (its fury to appeaſe)
Take *Fees a both ſides*. This I dare preſage,
That the cleare Sunne ne're look't on ſuch an *Age*
Of *vntam'd Badneſſe*, as will take's Carreere
Quite through the *Circle* of this ſequent *Yeere*.
I am not yet excentricke; I know how
To ſcrue vp *Vice*, and *Vertue* to allow.
But to all *Knaues* this moſtly will appeare;
That *Fooles* had ne're leſſe *Wit*, than th'haue this *Yeare*.
Would I had Crownes enow: I, thoſe for mee;
One thouſand and Sixe hundred Twenty three.

And no more.

Some Faults haue ſcap't: Such Faults Good-men can mend:
The Printer's faultie: for t'Was truly pen'd.